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Newcastle won't be relegated!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Newcastle Rosebud United hasn't got a care in the world. So what if it loses to Penrith at Cook Park on Sunday, August 18 and finishes last in the NSL's Northern Division. It can't possibly be relegated.

Of the 12 clubs in the Northern Division, only Newcastle and Canberra have the luxury of being protected by development status conferred on them by the NSL. This means that they have to finish last to face re-applying for NSL admission and if unsuccessful, they will be replaced by clubs from their respective federations — the northern NSW federation and the A.C.T. federation.

The Bulls currently live in last spot but they already know that there isn't a club in northern NSW to replace them. Their State League wing, Adamstown Rosebud, is locked in a battle with Belmont Swansea for the northern NSW State League championship. If Adamstown Rosebud wins, it will refuse an invitation to apply for the NSL and Belmont Swansea officials have told Newcastle Rosebud United secretary Ernie Lamb, who also is Adamstown Rosebud's secretary, that they too aren't interested in going into the NSL.

And it's a stronger Newcastle Rosebud United which will contest the Northern Division championship next year, if the local Macedonian community has its way.

"We've copied a bit of criticism up here for not having the backing of an ethnic group and the local Macedonians have approached us and want to bring two players over here from Yugoslavia for next season," said Lamb.

"What they (the Macedonians) would want in return I don't know but talks are proceeding."

The Bulls have installed \$100,000 floodlights at Adamstown Oval this year and the ground won't be so oval after it's dug up and resurfaced to the tune of \$12,500 later this month. A temporary, covered seating area for 1200 fans also will be built.

Despite the club's lack of relegation fears, Lamb is adamant that his team will be out of the season on a high note. "We don't mind doing things that way. They got out of jail up here with a bit of a run and our fans have enough pride to support them," he said.

Going to the Bulls' aid is the local Macedonian and Wolongong clubs. They are hoping that Lamb is correct. Penrith, APIA or Wollongong will have to re-apply for admission to the Northern Division as the last-placed club which comes under the umbrella of the NSW federation faces possible relegation.

Only possible, because should a suitable replacement not be found then there would be relegation.

Fairy Meadow, which joins as the NSW State League champion, may not be able to go it alone in the NSL according to Wollongong coach Adrian Alston, who believes that Fairy Meadow may try and amalgamate with Wollongong, its neighboring club.

"Not one of Fairy Meadow's players is good enough for the NSL. Sure, I'd love to see the club in our league but where will they get their money from? The Fraternity Social Club sponsors both Wollongong and Fairy Meadow and I've got doubts about the social club being able to put up enough money to enable Fairy Meadow to establish itself in the NSL. We've (Wollongong) got a \$75,000, two-year sponsorship deal with the Kern Corporation and you need that sort of money just to start off. And if we amalgamate with Fairy Meadow what could they give us? They couldn't give us players, that's for sure. All they could give us is more sponsorship money perhaps," said Alston.

Should Fairy Meadow refuse the invitation to apply for NSL admission, the NSL bosses then will invite the second placed NSW State League club to apply. That will be Canterbury, Sutherland or Melita Eagles and there's no doubt that Melita at least would jump at the offer. In fact, the thought of Melita grabbing second spot in State League probably sends shudders down the spines of most committeemen at Penrith, APIA and Wollongong, for Melita was in the NSL last year and it's facilities certainly are up to scratch. It also has a healthy support, bigger than that at Penrith, APIA or Wollongong.

So Wollongong's last league game this year, against Blacktown at the Showground, could be its last in the NSL!

"We'll win this one for sure. Bloody hell, it's more than a cup final, it's a matter of life and death," said Alston.

"Blacktown always give us a bit of trouble. Guys like Phil O'Connor like to turn it on against their old club and John Bradley's dangerous."

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Olympic v Makedonia on Sunday

The National Cup final between Makedonia and Sydney Olympic has been rescheduled for 3 pm on Sunday at St. George Stadium, Sydney.

It was to have been played on Friday, August 16.

It remains to be seen whether Marshall Soper and Graham Jennings of Olympic and Robbie Dunn of Makedonia play in the Cup final or for Australia against Red Star at Olympic Park the same day.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Arok wants full-time Socceroos

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Australia's best players would be contracted to the national team and loaned out to clubs between international commitments, under an ambitious plan backed by Socceroo coach Frank Arok.

Remaining matches in the Red Star — Australia series:

FRIDAY: Australia v Red Star at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

SUNDAY: Australia v Red Star at Olympic Park, Melbourne, 3 pm.

Australia currently leads on goal difference — 4:3.

Arok advocated this week that the Australian Soccer Federation should provide financial assistance to the most promising young players, in the form of scholarships.

Those players then would sign contracts with the Australian Soccer Federation, rather than with clubs.

"Their wages would be provided through sponsorship from big firms," Arok said. "Many experts believe that the Government will agree to provide tax incentives to firms investing in sport, as is now the case with film investment. If a firm provides \$100,000, it would be entitled to write off say, \$120,000."

Arok said that under such a scheme, Australia would have virtually a full-time national team.

Players would be loaned out to clubs between the national team's commitments, to keep them active.

The scheme also has the backing of Peter Sheehan, head of Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd.

"We need stability and financial incentive for our best players," Arok said. "If things go on as they are now, I would be reluctant to stay in the job after the World Cup."

"But with a brave new approach by the ASF, I would be very interested in a long-term appointment, because we have quality to work with in Australia, and I have a lot of energy to burn."

Meanwhile, Arok plans to bring Graham Honeymann (WA-Hellas) and Robbie Dunn (Makedonia) into the Socceroo team for their third match against Red Star Belgrade, at Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide on Friday night. The last game of the four-match series will be at Olympic Park on Sunday.

John Kosmina and David Mitchell, who both have been injured, will be given a run in Adelaide as substitutes, and Arok has promised to give Mike Petersen of Juventus a full game in Melbourne.

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THE AEK SCANDAL

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Paul Trimball of Victorian club Brighton. He scored in Australia's 1-0 victory over West Germany in the World Under 16 championships in China.

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PROMOTERS AND AEK TO SUE EACH OTHER

AEK Athens has announced it will sue Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd. over alleged breach of contract.

And ASF Marketing Ltd will sue AEK Athens for the same reason.

The threats of litigation follow AEK's sensation withdrawal from the international series last week.

The withdrawal left Greek soccer fans here bitterly disappointed.

It was on the eve of the first tournament match between Red Star and Australia last Sunday that AEK said it would not be taking part.

AEK secretary Nikos Stratos, speaking from Greece, said:

• The withdrawal of PSV Eindhoven changed the format of the series and AEK was not happy with the new arrangements.

• AEK had expected an official guarantee from the Australian Soccer Federation, but none was given.

• AEK considered that an undertaking from the Australian Bank Ltd of Sydney to the National Bank of Greece regarding payments to AEK did not constitute an adequate guarantee.

Peter Sheehan, head of Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd, promoter of the tournament, released the contents of a telex, from Australian Bank Ltd, which read in part:

"We confirm our irrevocable undertaking to the National Bank of Greece in favor of AEK football club, covering progressive payments (amount confidential) ... The undertaking was forwarded by authenticated telex which is standard, accepted practice for communication between banks and the format is as specified by you (ASF Marketing) ... We point out that neither the National Bank of Greece nor the club requested us to amend the undertaking. If the undertaking given were unacceptable in its present form, it would be normal practice for the beneficiary and/or the bank to seek amendment through ourselves ..."

Mr. Stratos said AEK was extremely upset about the adverse publicity given to the club.

He is likely to come to Australia personally to clear the air.

He said AEK intended to sue not only ASF Marketing Ltd but also its English agents, PRO Ltd, which handled negotiations with AEK.

Mr. Sheehan said his company had lost between \$30,000 and \$50,000 on programmes and advertising which carried the name of AEK.

ASF president Sir Arthur George has been in touch with the Greek Football Association, AEK, UEFA and FIFA about the dispute.

Speaking about reasons given by AEK for its withdrawal, Mr. Sheehan said:

"John Barr of PRO Ltd. telexed AEK on July 22 that PSV Eindhoven had withdrawn, but AEK did not respond to the news and exchanged subsequent telexes confirming details of its tour. While AEK was unhappy with having to play Red Star twice in the revised draw, it had been highly likely that they would have met twice in the original draw."

Sheehan said he was "absolutely shattered". Apart from financial and organisational problems that had been created, the Greek fans of Australia had been let down.

"Although this is a body blow to the game in this country, the status of soccer here has never been higher," Sheehan said. He was referring to the Soccerroos' recent success and Australia's participation in the world youth and under 16 finals.

Sheehan also referred to the likelihood that Australia's under 23 team — probably the present youth side — would compete in the next Olympic Games tournament — Australia's first Olympic involvement since 1956.

"There's a bit of viciousness in this — but Australia leads Greece 1-0 in World Cup terms. Whereas we qualified once for the finals, Greece never has."

John Barr of PRO Ltd said his London office received word officially about AEK's withdrawal at 10.45 pm Australian time, Tuesday, July 30.

Sheehan said that despite AEK's withdrawal, the tournament would be a financial success.

ASF vice-president Michael Weinstein said that if it were found that AEK is at fault, he would recommend to the ASF that AEK be banned from visiting here for at least five years.

AEK last toured Australia in 1979, when it lost 4-0 to Victoria.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



• When Red Star competed here against Celtic, Arsenal and Australia in 1977, it allowed two of its players, Zdravko Borovnica and Dragan Nikitovic to play two NSL games with Footscray JUST. Borovnica (left) is pictured scoring against Hellas. The goalkeeper is Jack Reilly and the defender Mike Pyle.

Billy Vojtek suspended over Sherbet record

Three of Red Star Belgrade's players are feeling quite at home in their clashes with the Soccerroos.

Captain Zlatko Krmpotic, full back Draga Miletic and goalkeeper Zivan Ljukovic — toured Australia in 1980.

In its first match on that tour, Red Star was beaten 2-1 by Victoria in front of a crowd of 9026 at Olympic Park. George Christopoulos, making his debut for Victoria, scored what turned out to be the winning goal.

But the Yugoslavs demonstrated that the loss was at least partly due to jetlag, as they beat NSW 5-0, South Australia 6-0 and a local Yugoslav selection 8-2.

Krmpotic has bitter memories of that last match. He was shown the yellow card by referee Tony Beazleigh over a foul on Zdravko Lujic of Footscray J.U.S.T. and was sent off the field when he repeated the offence in the 37th minute.

Of the present Soccerroos, only skipper John Kosmina played against Red Star previously.

He was in the South Australian team that lost to the visitors in 1980 and in the national side that was beaten 3-2 by Red Star during the 1977 World of Soccer tournament.

Kosmina scored in a 3-1 victory over Arsenal of England during that tournament, and played so well that he was recruited by Arsenal later that year. He played only occasionally in England and finally rejoined West Adelaide Hellas in 1979.

Red Star reached the final of the 1977 tournament but was beaten 2-0 by Glasgow Celtic in front of a 22,000 crowd at Olympic Park.

A total of 183,000 paid about \$500,000 during the tournament but it was not enough to persuade the organising consortium, headed by Englishman Red Lambourne, to go ahead with plans to promote visits by Bayern Munich, Ajax Amsterdam, Liverpool and Manchester United.

Footscray J.U.S.T. struck up a friendship with Red Star that resulted in Red Star stri-



• Vladislav Bogicevic visited Australia with Red Star in 1977 and with the New York Cosmos in 1982. Here he is with Zoran Iliiski (right) after Cosmos beat Victoria 3-2 at Olympic Park.

ker Zdravko Borovnica and Dragan Nikitovic playing for J.U.S.T. against Hellas (2-0) and West Adelaide (0-1) in 1977 NSL games.

Later J.U.S.T. also recruited Red Star midfielder Vlado Pijevajcic.

Former Soccerroo Billy Vojtek would rather forget his experience with Red Star in 1977. Vojtek took a few of the

Red Star players around town and bought Dusan Savic an LP record of the top group Sherbert, for which Savic had a great deal of admiration.

Vojtek subsequently was called in front of the committee of his Croatian club, Essendon Lions, and suspended. Croatsians, he was told, did not mingle with teams representing Yugoslavia.

LAURIE SCHWAB

Penalty shoot-out if there's a draw

• Penalty shoot-outs are being used in case of ties in the four-match series between Australia and Red Star Belgrade.

The teams agreed to meet each other four times when AEK Athens withdrew from the tournament last week.

Their remaining two games are at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, on Friday at 8 pm and at Olympic Park on Sunday at 3 pm.

Red Star is playing for a win bonus of \$15,000 a match, plus \$5000 for winning the series.

Three field players and a goalkeeper are allowed as substitutes.

Sekularac, Beara ...

Red Star Belgrade's past players include some of the greatest names in world football.

Dragan Dzacic, the former wing wizard, was captain of Yugoslavia.

Drago Sekularac played in two World Cups, and Rajko Mitic in three, while Vladimir Beara still ranks as the greatest Yugoslav goalkeeper of all time, and Bora Kostic had a distinguished 15-year career with the mighty Yugoslav club.

Red Star leads 5-1

Matches between Australia and Red Star:
1977

Australia 1 (Abonyi) Red Star 3 (Bogicevic 2, Savic) at Sydney Cricket Ground.
Australia 1 (Kosmina) Red Star 3 (Jovanovic, Bogicevic, Lukic) at Olympic Park.
Australia 1 (Harding) Red Star 3 (Calais 2, Jovanovic) at Sydney Cricket Ground.

Australia 2 (Kosmina, Harding) Red Star 3 (Savic, Sestic, Filipovic) at Olympic Park.

1985
Australia 0 Red Star 2 (Ivanovic, Djurovic).


Australia 4 (Crino, Odzakovic, Soper, Arnold) Red Star 1 (Musemic).

Bosko the lonely dad

Red Star Belgrade arrived for the international tournament with one player still recovering from a last-minute shock.

Midfielder Bosko Djurovic received a telephone call at Belgrade airport 20 minutes before takeoff informing him his wife

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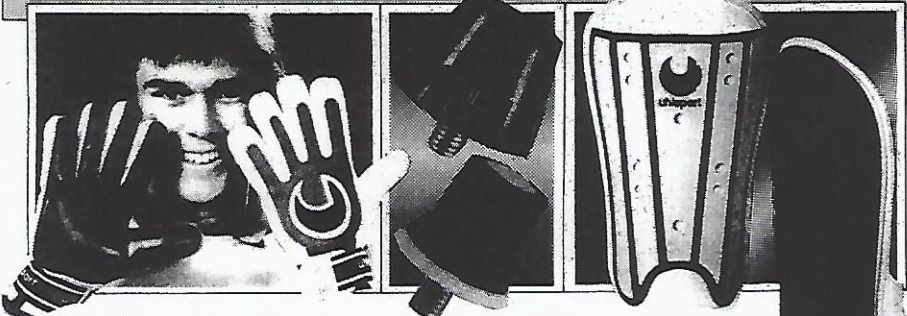
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Man of
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AUSTRALIA 4 (Crino 1st, Odzakovic 19th, Soper 44th, Arnold 56th) RED STAR BELGRADE 1 (Musemic 34th) at St George Stadium.

Crowd: 7544
Referee: Richard Lorenc 8.
Cautions: M Djurovski, Yankos, Miletovic, Radovanovic.

Teams, with shirt numbers and ratings out of 10:

AUSTRALIA: 22. Oliver 8 - 4, Yankos 8 - 5, Ratcliffe 8, 6. O'Connor 7, 3 Jennings 8 (injured, sub 18, Gray, 46th) - 2 Odzakovic 8 (17 McCulloch 85th), 7 Watson 8, 11 Crino 9, 10 Murphy 7 - 9 Soper 9, 15 Arnold 8 (14 Patikas 80th). Coach: Frank Arok.

RED STAR BELGRADE: 1. Ljukovcan - 6, Krmpotic 6, 5 Miletovic 5 (14 Ivanovic 65th), 2 Radovanovic 6, 3 Dimitrijevic 6 - 10 Djurovic 5 (7 Nikolic 65th), 8 B Djurovski 8, 4 Elsner 8, 11 Jankovic 7 (18 Mirkola 5, half time) - 16 Musemic 7, 8 M Djurovski 7. Coach: Gojko Zec.

"They thought we were harmless little koalas," said coach Frank Arok after Australia had wreaked vengeance on Red Star Belgrade. "Now they know that koalas have teeth too."

Australia's koalas, known also as the Soccerroos and more recently as Arok's "mad dogs," had their pride hurt when Red Star beat them 2-0 in heavy rain in Melbourne the previous Wednesday (see page 5).

They responded by recording their biggest win in 44 matches — since beating a Kuala Lumpur selection 4-1 on

their way to Singapore for the 1983 Merlion Cup.

It also was their biggest ever victory against a European team, surpassing the 3-4 scoreline against Bologna in Adelaide in 1976.

And you have to go back to 1982 to find a more convincing victory than the Soccerroos recorded on Sunday. That was in the Merlion Cup of that year, when Australia beat Malaysia 5-0.

Everything went right for the Soccerroos at St George Stadium, from the very first minute when Oscar Crino accepted a through pass from Joe Watson and got his toe to the ball just ahead of Zivian Ljukovcan, the Red Star goalkeeper, for his fifth goal in 23 Soccerroo appearances.

Arok said after the game: "We closed them down, which we couldn't do in the slippery conditions in Melbourne. We kept chasing and denying them space and time, and we took our chances really well."

"In Melbourne, the three lines — defence, midfield and forwards — were too far apart. This time we tightened up and while there were a few great individual performances, it was a fine team display. We had too many bodies against Red Star all over the field."

"The quality of our attacking play also was first-class. We had men coming from everywhere. In the second half, some of the Red Star players were yelling to their coach, asking what they could do about Oscar Crino and Zarko Odzakovic."

"It was great to see an Australian team outdoing a top overseas side in skill and tactical solutions."

"I regard this as a return tie in the World Cup qualifying series. We had lost the first leg 2-0, and now we had to win by at least two, preferably

more. We achieved our aim and we have found another quality player in Graham Arnold, who did everything right as a target man."

Arnold, of Sydney Croatia, was preferred to Rod Brown, who had played in Melbourne.

Charlie Yankos was to have been replaced by Graham 'Honeyman', but Yankos succeeded in shaking off a foot injury and took his usual position as sweeper.

Jeff Oliver of Heidelberg was in goal because Terry Greedy had a foot injury.

Arok acknowledged that an early save by Oliver, who threw himself in the way of a close-range shot from Zarko Djurovic, contributed significantly to the match result, as Red Star may have played with more spirit had it equalised so early.

But with Marshall Soper running riot up front in his finest display for Australia, and Crino back at his best in midfield after a disappointing match in Melbourne, Australia built up a 3-1 lead before half time and thoroughly dominated the second half, during which Red Star managed only two half-hearted shots at goal.

Red Star used two strikers this time, whereas it had used only Milko Djurovski in Melbourne. Husref Musemic came in as Djurovski's partner, which suited Australia's twin-stopper formation. With only one forward to mark in Melbourne, the defence had looked somewhat confused.

Bosko Djurovski, who had

• Red Star striker Husref Musemic (No. 16) wins a heading duel with Australia's Steve O'Connor at St George Stadium on Sunday. At right are Milko Djurovski and Zlatko Krmpotic. The referee is Richard Lorenc. Picture by ALEX VESIC.

played on the right wing in Melbourne, joined Marko Elsner in Central midfield, with Zarko Djurovic going to the right flank.

Milko Jankovic, who had been man of the match in Melbourne, surprising was replaced at half time, although he had played well. Mitar Mirkela came on and hardly had a kick.

Having conceded a first-minute goal, Red Star fought back tigerishly and went on to have nine scoring attempts to Australia's six in the first half.

Jankovic's pass sent Djurovic into the penalty area but before he could shoot, he was closed down by Crino who kicked the ball virtually off Djurovski's feet.

Moments later, Milko Djurovski sent the ball into the penalty area, David Ratcliffe stuck his foot out at it and missed, leaving Djurovic with an unchallenged shot which Oliver, however, saved brilliantly.

Having weathered the storm, Australia went on the offensive thanks to Crino who won the ball with a tackle on the left wing and lobbed it into the middle where Arnold chested it down to Soper. Zarko Odzakovic was making a run on the right, so Soper speared an angled through pass into space, Odzakovic ran onto it and placed a neat, low shot past Ljukovcan for the second goal.

Watching Soper for the rest of his days at APIA when he first caught my eye. He would terrorise defenders by knocking the ball past them, then running around them to regain possession. He did that so often against Red Star. He also played a couple of back-heeled, chased back into defence, tackled, sped clear in break-aways — in fact, he tipped his entire hatful of soccer tricks onto the heads of opponents whose ball skill is supposed to be their trademark.

Crino wasn't as spectacular as Soper, but his contribution to this victory was enormous.

He mixed his silky skill with perfectly-timed tackles that won possession for Australia time and again.

Soper burst clear as Dragan Miletovic turned and kicked the ball straight at him. Miletovic chased the rampaging striker and brought him down inside the penalty area, but referee Richard Lorenc quite rightly, resisted the temptation to award a penalty, as Miletovic had played the ball.

Milko Djurovski weaved past opponents in the 25th minute and beat Oliver with a well-placed shot that was heading into the net until Graham Jennings stormed in from the left, living up to his nick-name "Flash", to clear it off the line.

Jennings excelled for the rest of the half, making fools

of Djurovic and even Red Star captain Zlatko Krmpotic, but Slavko Radovanovic floored him with a tackle around the legs just after half time, causing him to limp off and be replaced by Ian Gray.

Meanwhile, though, Soper played an audacious back-heeler to Jennings in the 28th minute, and Jennings' cross was belted over the bar by Arnold.

At the other end, Djurovic laid the ball off for a long-range shot from Bosko Djurovski, but Oliver stretched and got his fingertips to it.

Red Star's pressure finally produced results. Jankovic, on the right for a change, sent over a well-placed cross and Musemic beat Oliver in the air to make the score 2-1 with a header.

Charlie Yankos was shown the yellow card for chopping down Milko Djurovski and Djurovski lost most of his enthusiasm for the rest of the match.

Jankovic, though, made his way into the box in the 40th minute, and was brought down by Crino and a couple of henchmen. Red Star players — especially Miletovic, the angriest of them, demanded a penalty, but Lorenc didn't see it that way.

With a minute left in the first half, Australia buried Red Star with a third goal — a goal that brought howls of protest from the Yugoslavs and coach Gojko Zec.

Their protests were unjustified, however. Yankos played a long ball out of defence, with Red Star moving out to catch Australia offside, Soper however, timed his run perfectly. He was onside when the ball was kicked, but once clear of the stranded defence, he probably did look offside, hence the protests.

Having sprinted clear of any opposition, Soper had only Ljukovcan to contend with. The tall goalkeeper was coming out at Soper, who tapped the ball deftly past Ljukovcan and then ran around him, intent on getting back onto the ball to make sure. He had struck it with sufficient power, however, and it rolled into the net before he could reach it.

Odzakovic switched from the right flank to the left when Jennings went off, and substitute Ian Gray went to the right. Crino missed a golden opportunity in the 51st minute when he shot straight at Ljukovcan from point-blank range, but in the 56th minute Arnold made no mistake with a header after a cross from Watson on the right.

A brilliant through ball out of defence from Soper sent Arnold away across open territory. He back-heeled a pass to Odzakovic who launched a shot that had the sting taken out of it by a defender's foot and went out for a corner.

Red Star, thoroughly outplayed now — particularly by Soper and Crino — replaced Djurovic and Miletovic with Jovica Nikolic and Milan Ivanovic in the 65th minute but neither substitute did anything of note.



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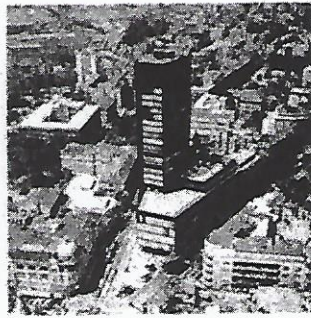
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Watch out for the Canadians!

Anyone believing that Canada will be the "soft touch" in Australia's first round group at the World Youth Championship in Russia this month may be making a serious misjudgement.

For one thing, to gain victory over Canada would require Australia to beat goalkeeper Paul Dolan at least once and that is no easy task.

Dolan was the hero of Canada's recent success in topping Group Two of the CONCACAF World Cup qualifying series. A last minute replacement, he played magnificently in all four games, saving Haiti and Guatemala, conceding just two goals and making a penalty save against the Guatemalans which ultimately proved to be the difference between qualification and elimination.

The 6'4" Dolan is one of three youth squad members who already have acquired senior international caps. In addition, two others have represented Canada B.

The young Canadians all are products of an intensive nationwide coaching programme, which commenced when the players were 15.

Each province holds regular training camps for both the under 16 and under 18 squads, with the national championships a fervently contested climax to each season.

All CONCACAF age group tournaments are entered and regular tours arranged for national selections.

The side Australia faces will already have gained considerable international experience. In the CONCACAF Youth Championship (which also served as the Coca Cola Cup qualifying round), Canada twice held eventual winner Mexico to draws and only was denied outright success by a penalty showdown in the final.

Canada subsequently has undertaken a European tour (during which it beat Switzerland and held Sweden to a 2-2 scoreline) and contested the Havelange Youth Tournament in Mexico (losing only 0-2 to Brazil and drawing 0-0 against Colombia).

Before embarking for Russia, the young Canadians will meet Italy's under 23 amateur selection in a three match series.

After beating the highly fancied Scotland during the last Coca Cola Cup, Australia fell to the comparatively untested South Koreans. This time, the young Socceroos must beware of the so-called lesser lights.

The probable Canada squad is:

PAUL DOLAN: Outstanding goalkeeper, who has represented Canada at senior and B, as well as youth levels. Was signed by Vancouver Whitecaps just before the NASL club folded.

LARRY HOOLE: Second string goalkeeper, with three youth caps to his credit. The first gained during a 3-1 victory over Switzerland this year. Although only 19, he is a stalwart of the Oakville club in Ontario, having served it for 12 years.

BRIAN ROSENFELD: Canada's goalkeeper during the 1984 CONCACAF Youth Tournament, he since has lost his place to Dolan, but still rated an outstanding prospect. Moved from his remote home town, Thunder Bay in northern Ontario, to Toronto in order to continue his soccer career.

ROSS QUATARONE: Steadily fullback, who started playing soccer at seven and won a string of Ontario championships with the Scarborough Maple Leaf

By PAUL MOON

club. Made youth international debut on European tour this year.

PETER GILLILLAN: A versatile full back who has been a regular since making his debut against Cuba in the 1984 CONCACAF Youth Tournament. Played for Toronto Blizzard in 1983 and 1984.

JOHN DIPASQUALE: Cool, steady centre back and team captain. An ever-present since making his debut against Guatemala last year, he spent 10 years at the Port Colborne club, where his father was coach. A physical education student at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

PETER SLOLY: Six foot tall, Jamaican-born, central defender who toured North Africa with Canada B in 1984, playing against Egypt. He was on Toronto Blizzard's books when they disbanded and has an outstanding academic record. Will be 19 on August 8.

GREGORY YOUNG: A tall, powerful midfielder who spent a season with Vancouver Whitecaps. He was born in Scotland.

JEFF CAMBRIDGE: This talented midfielder has represented Canada at senior, B and youth levels, although he won't be 18 until November. Spent two seasons in England, attached to the Bolton Wanderers and Oldham Athletic clubs.

LYNDON HOOPER: Consistently one of Canada's best performers, he recently signed for Inex Canada, which has emerged from the ashes of Toronto Blizzard to play exhibition games against international opposition. This energetic linkman was born in Georgetown, Guyana.

RAMY RAJBALLIE: A graduate from Canada's under 16 selection, who quickly has made his presence felt in the youth team's midfield.

FRANZ SIMON: A physically strong and skilful midfielder who now lives in Inex Canada. Born in Haiti and known as "Fonzie" to his teammates.

NEIL WILKINSON: A lively linkman who spent three years with Vancouver Whitecaps' youth team and had a short stint at Manchester United in England. He celebrates his 18th birthday on August 10.

ALEX BUNBURY: A robust striker who was promoted from Canada's under 16 team for this year's Havelange Tournament in Mexico. Although born in Guyana, he resides in Quebec and is that province's only representative in the squad.

COSIMO COMMISSO: A gifted forward who made his international youth debut when only 16 and subsequently has represented Canada B at the Great Wall Cup in China and the Pan American Games. Drafted by the now defunct Toronto Blizzard in 1982, he currently plays for Toronto Italia.

PAT GUBELLI: Another product of Canada's under 16 team, he scored some vital goals on the European tour earlier this year.

LUCIO IANIRO: A diminutive (5'8") and slightly built (150lb) right winger who was born in Toronto, but raised in Argentina. Has extremely high work rate.

DOUG McNAUGHT: A native of Jamaica, this elusive right winger has represented Canada in senior, under 19 and under 16 internationals. He migrated to Canada with his family when only four years of age.

DAVE PHILLIPS: He's from the soccer backwater of Alberta, where he plays for Calgary Blizzard. The striker first played for Canada youth against Guatemala in 1984 and during the same year toured Africa with Canada B.

LINO TOMASSETTI: An ever-present with the CONCACAF Youth Tournament team last year, he is a highly dependable full back.

BOB BEARPARK (COACH): The Canadian federation's national team manager, he is English-born and gained experience on the staffs of Bristol Rovers and Exeter City after gaining an English FA coaching badge in 1968. Originally migrated to Canada in order to study at the University of Western Ontario in 1975, he was appointed to the national team position eight years later.

TONY TAYLOR (ASSISTANT COACH): A Scot, who was a long serving forward with Crystal Palace before taking up coaching. Now the Technical Director of the Canadian Soccer Association.



Canada's national under-19 squad, from left back row: Jeff Cambridge (Ontario), Gregor Young (British Columbia), John DiPasquale (Ontario), Brian Rosenfeld (Ontario), Larry Hoole (Ontario), Peter Sloy (Ontario), Cosimo Comisso (Ontario), Pat Gubelli (Ontario), Larry Preto (Ontario). Front Row: Lyndon Hooper (Ontario), Lucio Ianiero (Ontario), Peter Gillfillan (Ontario), Dave Phillips (Alberta), Alex Bunbury (Quebec), Rami Rajballie (Ontario), Franz Simon (Ontario). Missing: Doug McNaught (Ontario), Ross Quatarone (Ontario), Lino Tomassetti (Ontario), Neil Wilkinson (British Columbia).

ROOS COULD USE RAMBO

By LAURIE SCHWAB

NSW 5 (Lowe 59th, 65th, 66th & 81st, Lee 30th) AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAM 0 at St. George Stadium. Curtain-Raiser to Australia v Red Star match. Referee: Barry Power 8.

Line-up with shirt numbers and ratings out of 10:

NSW: 1. Gibson 6 (20, Pezzano 7, half time) - 2. Rodrigues 6 (12, Vlastakis 7) - 3. Bertagna (12, Wheatley 7) - 4. Robertson 7, 5. Gomez 6 - 8. Savor 6, 6. Raskopoulos 6, 7. P. Predinick 7 - 10. Slater 8, 9. Lowe 9, 11. Lee 6.

COACH: Alex Vast. AUSTRALIAN YOUTH TEAM: 18. Runje 4 - 4. M. Jones 4, 5. Kotzamalichas 2, 3. Gregson 5, 6. Koczka 8 - 15. Basingthwaite 6 (7, Bundalo 2, half time), 9. Petkovski 3, Panagis 6 (17, Postecoglou 4), 11. Kalantzis 6 - 10. Hristodoulou 3, 14. Spink 4, coach: Jim Shaulder.

Jim Shaulder used all his Australian Sports Institute players apart from Lou Hristodoulou in the National Youth League 2-0 victory over APFA on Saturday, leaving the rest to meet NSW on Sunday.

Perhaps that was one reason for this massive defeat.

But Shaulder himself was disgusted with the poor form of some of his players, accusing them of trying to live on reputations established in the World Youth Championship qualifying series early this year.

We all expressed the view at that time, that the young Socceroos should not get carried away with their "success". They had, after all, beaten teams of only mediocre talent.

Much more would be required against the USSR, Canada and Nigeria in the finals series, starting in the USSR on August 24.

On their form against

NSW, they'll need Rambo and his entire arsenal to have any hope at all in their coming battles.

Aki Kotzamalichas, who has missed almost the entire season due to injury, has a lot more work to do; Peter Petkovski and, in the second half, Alex Bundalo, both were as active as Egyptian mummies; Lou Hristodoulou and Warren Spink up front were no match for big Arno Bertagna and Alex Robertson and even the young Socceroos' No. 1 player, Chris Kalantzis, degenerated as the game wore on, because he tried to do too much alone.

Perhaps the thrashing will have the desired effect of waking the players from their stupor. They will be defending their pride next time they play. That will be in Holland, where they will play practice matches and train before the final start.

They leave on Friday. Kalantzis and John Panagis managed a couple of promising combinations early in the game, and Kalantzis hit the bar with a header. Andrew Koczka, by far the best of the Australian players, sent Hristodoulou into the box with an excellent pass but the striker shot across goal.

But Grant Lee gave NSW the lead in the 30th minute, breaking clear on a through ball and planting his low shot past Mirko Runje from just inside the area.

Kalantzis replied with a shot across goal after another nice pass from Koczka. But just after half time, Kalantzis missed from close range.

The beginning of the end for Australia came in the 59th minute, when, from a cross by Robbie Slater, Lowe poaled from close range, taking advantage of a



mix-up between two defenders. In the 65th minute, Wally Savor worked his way down the right and his cut-back was belted home by Lowe from outside the area.

Lowe completed his hat-trick a minute later. Slater played it short and square from the left and Lowe swivelled brilliantly past Kotzamalichas for a first-time shot on the turn.

Tony Pezzano, who had replaced Mike Gibson in NSW's goal at half time, spread himself to block a close-range shot from Spink after more good work by Koczka, but with nine minutes to go, NSW went further ahead. Again it was Lowe, scoring on the turn.

It's live on SBS

The 1985 World Youth Championships, featuring Australia's Young Socceroos, will be telecast live via satellite from the Soviet Union on SBS-TV beginning Sunday, August 25.

The tournament, held every two years, is the youth team version of the World Cup finals and boasts the best of the world's young soccer players representing 16 nations. It is the third successive year that Australia has qualified for the finals. In the previous tournament, staged in Mexico in 1983, Australia beat European champion Scotland.

SBS-TV's exclusive live satellite telecast from the Soviet Union begins on Sunday, August 25 at 12.55 am (Adelaide 12.25 am) with the tournament's opening game between Australia and the USSR in Minsk.

This will be followed by live telecasts of Australia vs Canada on Wednesday, August 28 at 12.55 am (Adelaide 12.25 am); and Australia vs Nigeria on Friday, August 30 at 12.55 am (Adelaide 12.25 am).

Should Australia finish in either first or second position in its Group C table, featuring the above teams, it will proceed to the quarter finals where it will meet a team from Group D - probably England or Mexico.

SBS-TV's coverage of the 1985 finals will culminate in a live telecast of the World Youth Soccer final from Moscow on Sunday, September 8 at 12.55 am.

The network, an acknowledged supporter of Australian and international soccer, will have commentator Mike Hill in the Soviet Union to present a concise, up-to-the-minute coverage of the tournament.

SBS-TV soccer expert Les Murray will host the telecasts in the Sydney studio along with a team of special match analysts.

While all games featuring Australia and the final are scheduled for live satellite telecasts, other matches will be screened by the network throughout the finals in both news, sport and soccer programs.

And as a prelude to the Soviet Union finals, SBS-TV will present a special edition of "World Soccer" on Saturday, August 24 at 6.00 pm (Adelaide 5.30 pm).

The program will look at the 1985 Youth Championships, the history of the tournament, the teams competing in the Soviet Union and Australia's path through the qualifying rounds.

Les Murray will also take a detailed look at the players wearing the green and gold of Australia and taking our soccer to the world.

Slap in the face to SA

By MIKE WELLS
SA Director of Coaching

The cancellation of the proposed Red Star - South Australia match has shattered officials, players and the public in Adelaide.

It is three years since SA beat Vojvodina in its last representative match.

This is the third time a State squad has been picked or prepared only to find the fixture cancelled.

In 1981 Victoria withdrew from what was hoped to be an annual event.

Last year a squad was chosen to meet Red Star but never got to the first training session before the match was cancelled.

This time the State squad had had three sessions together. As manager/coach of the side I decided to look ahead beyond just this one match. I decided to bring together an U/20 side that would play the State side in several training games. John Perin, who along with Uros Zivkovic were appointed staff coaches, was put directly in charge of the U/20 side.

All in all over 100 leading SA players from all levels were assembled to participate in forthcoming matches, as part of a major move to put SA back on the national soccer map.

The U/20 side was to meet the State High Schools side in the curtain raiser to the Australia vs AEK game.

The State amateur side, which is due to go to New Zealand, was scheduled to meet a State Division II select side as curtain raiser to SA versus Red Star.

The senior State, in its two runs against the U/20's had won 1-0 and 3-1. Then it really produced fine form to beat Salisbury United 5-0, currently lying second in the SA State League.

SA, like Queensland, is a forgotten State, where more often than not little or no consideration is given to the development and incentive to its quality players.

It is almost as if we are not supposed to have any players at all. In the years when West Adelaide won the NSL and Adelaide City the National Cup, players did not quite receive the recognition they deserved.

Although both NSL sides are not struggling, both have players of great ability who are only likely to be fully recognised if they move interstate.

SA products like John Kosmina, David Mitchell, Victor Bozanic and Yakka Banovic all have proved the point, as has Robbie Dunn who had to shift to Melbourne, while Tommy Caton and Tony Dorigo went overseas.

I have no doubts whatsoever that if players like Steve Maxwell, Charley Villani, Brenton Hiern, Chris Manou and Adrian Santrac

were playing regularly in Melbourne or Sydney they would be close to national team selection.

Equally Alex Tobin is a player for the future.

The sad thing is that this one opportunity they had to show whether or not they are good enough has been taken away.

I am sure that Frank Ark would welcome more competition for places in the national squad, to keep his present players on their toes.

One cannot help but feel that the international series was not just the victim of bad luck but that bad planning also had a lot to do with it.

Certainly the timing would suit the Australian side in its preparations before it meets New Zealand, and after all that has to have the highest priority. However, can we really blame sides like PSV and AEK for pulling out?

Quite frankly, if I were manager of a European club about to kick off a new season, I would not want my players' preparation to include a tour of Australia.

Just consider the massive time differences to overcome at both ends, the extensive travel to and from within Australia.

August for most would be far too late if we are to be honest with ourselves.

It's high time that collectively we started to consider the technical aspects of preparation as well as the administrative and financial considerations.

Quite apart from feeling sorry for the players in SA I feel particularly sorry for Frank Ark.

This present debacle must have an effect on his plans and preparations, and one can only hope that he does not nose-dive into the mess we found ourselves in during the last World Cup campaign.

One man who will have a wry smile on his face is Kevin Fallon, the New Zealand coach.

Much will depend on Australia's remaining games against Red Star but I have grave fears that the Australia - Red Star game on Friday will be poorly supported by the SA public. SA v Red Star would have been a greater drawcard, spectator-wise.

Given the present circumstances it would have been far better to have scheduled Australia versus Red Star in Newcastle with SA playing the visitors in Adelaide.

In this way the promoter would have maximised his dollar, the public would have been better served and the national coach could have judged SA players in a better light.

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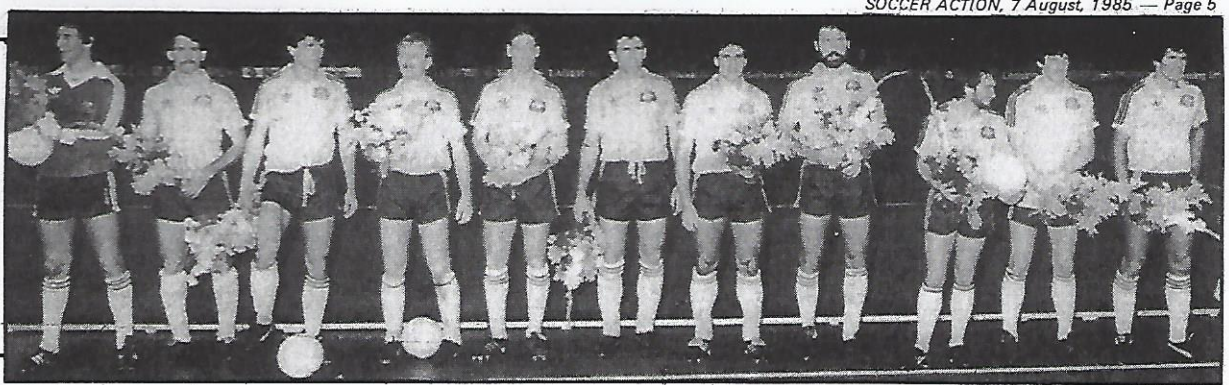
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● The Soccerroos line-up before last Wednesday's 0-2 loss to Red Star at Olympic Park in Melbourne. From left: Terry Greedy, Graham Jennings, Oscar Crino, Kenny Murphy, Rod Brown, Zarko Odzakovic, Charlie Yankos, Steve O'Connor, Joe Watson, Marshall Soper, David Ratcliffe. Pictures: LES SHOR-ROCK.



Djurovski succeeds Savic, Filipovic

By LAURIE SCHWAB

AUSTRALIA 0 RED STAR BELGRADE 2 (Ivanovic 69th, Djurovski 73rd) at Olympic Park, Wednesday July 31, crowd about 7000. Referee Stuart Mellings 9. Cautions: Ratcliffe, Elsner, Murphy, Krmpotic, Dimitrijevic.

AUSTRALIA: 1. Greedy 6 — 4. Yankos 7 — 5. Ratcliffe 8, 6. S. O'Connor 6 (15 Arnold 74th), 3. Jennings 5 — 2. Odzakovic 6, 7. Watson 8 (14. Patikas 74th), 11. Crino 5, 10. Murphy 7 — 8. Soper 7, 19. Brown 6. Coach: Frank Arok.

RED STAR: 1. Ljukovcan 9 — 6. Krmpotic 7, 2. Radovanovic 7, 5. Miletovic 7, 3. Dimitrijevic 8 — 8. B. Djurovski 7, 10. Djurovic 8, 4. Elsner 7, 7. Nikolic 6 (14. Ivanovic 7, half time), 11. Jankovic 9 (15. Zjezo 88th) — 9. M. Djurovski 9. Coach: Gjoko Zec.

No Bogicevic, no Petrovic, no Savic, no Filipovic. Red Star, circa 1985, is not the collection of classic individuals it was on previous visits, but its soccer is slick as usual, and Milko Djurovski is a striker of world class.

He and goalkeeper Zivan Ljukovcan played in a world eleven to raise funds for UNICEF in Toronto in early July. Ljukovcan shared the goalkeeping with Stojanovic on previous visits, but today he has no peers in Yugoslavia.

Red Star, preparing for the 1990/91 Yugoslav season, was faster and sharper than Australia. The heavy rain and watery pitch suited the Yugoslavs more than it suited the Soccerroos.

A few key players had a quiet night: Oscar Crino, Graham Jennings and Zarko Odzakovic, for example. Goalkeeper Terry Greedy was at fault over the second goal, and Charlie Yankos over the first.

Australian coach Frank Arok went as far as to say: "We gave the game to them." That's not quite true. Although Australia had its chances, Red Star had more of them and was, quite clearly, the superior team.

Australia missed its top scorer, John Kosmina, who had a broken toe, while Odzakovic played with a painful puncture just under the knee.

Rod Brown of Marconi took Kosmina's place up front, alongside Marshall Soper who had changed his mind about not playing in this tournament. He had said initially that he wanted to lay low in the wake of the Pratten Park debacle.

Red Star, so typical of many top European teams, used only one out-and-out striker, Milko Djurovski, with Zarko Djurovic hanging back in support, and Bosko Djurovski and Miljan Jankovic deep on the flanks.

Nine-year-old Dejan Drijic, son of Slavko Drijic, secretary of Victorian club Central City, will remember last Wednesday for the rest of his life, for he had the honor to lead Red Star onto the pitch, as mascot.

Red Star captain Zlatko Krmpotic, who was sent off the field over two successive fouls on Zdravko Lujic when Red Star beat a local Yugoslav selection 8-2 on the same ground in 1980, provided the first highlight, with a fine run past two opponents on the right wing, and cut-back to Bosko Djurovski who drove a low shot across goal with Australia's defence in panic.

Red Star went on to threaten the goal five times during the first half, while Australia did so only twice, with an unchallenged header from close range by Steve O'Connor, straight at Ljukovcan, and a

free kick high over the bar by Odzakovic.

Milko Djurovski had the fans gasping in awe during the first 25 minutes. The man was uncanny. On a through ball from Jankovic in the 8th minute, Djurovski deftly touched the ball past Greedy, into the net, but the move was offside.

Next time Djurovski attacked, Odzakovic fouled him and conceded a free kick from which left back Zoran Dimitrijevic, at the far post, headed back across goal, with Red Star forwards stretching in vain to reach the ball.

Joe Watson was giving Australia a fair amount of possession with his skilful play in midfield, but he had little support there. Australia's only other goer was Marshall Soper who made some gutsy runs in attack.

One such run — past Djurovski on the left — ended with a cut-back begging for someone to put it away. No one did.

Milko Djurovski, on a through ball from Jankovic, tore away with breakneck speed but belted his shot over Greedy and the bar, and shortly afterwards, was fouled by Greedy who came out at him.

From that point, Australia reduced Djurovski's effectiveness with the offside tactic.

Rod Brown gave Australia a moment of hope as he galloped forward in the 26th minute, lured the ball off and kept running expecting a return pass. He looked skywards in disappointment because that pass did not come.

Perhaps because Jankovic had been so damaging on the left, Australia suddenly moved Odzakovic into the middle, leaving David Ratcliffe to pick up Jankovic on the wing. That created problems in itself, for it left only Yankos and O'Connor in the middle of the defence, and when Djurovski pushed up onto Yankos, Australia had virtually no sweeper.

Odzakovic was back on the right when the second half resumed, with Miljan Jankovic having taken the place of Red Star's Jovica Nikolic who had been inactive.

It looked curtains for Australia when Yankos was cuffed upfield after a combination with Crino broke down, allowing Marko Elsner to break clear. Elsner however, shot straight at Greedy.

Brown tried to break through at the other end but was flattened by Krmpotic, enabling Yankos to have a go with a free kick. Yankos is renowned for having the kick of a mule, and indeed, tested Ljukovcan with a shot that dipped in front of the goalkeeper, making the save difficult indeed.

Ratcliffe, pushing up more and more with great effect, sent Brown away with a short through ball but Brown belted wildly over the top from an angle.

Bosko Djurovski, however, had the easiest chance of the game so far when he latched onto a short clearance with Greedy out of goal. What should have been a goal turned out to be a shot over the top, and the let-off spurred the Soccerroos to produce some of their best play.

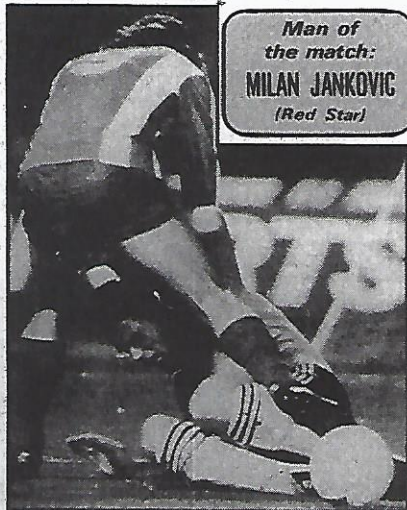
Arok: Roos not good enough

"Their keeper was brilliant and you don't get into a European team of this standard unless you are excellent," Australian coach Frank Arok said after the match.

"But our play was not good enough. It was not bad luck. We had six or seven good chances but didn't put them away."

"A bad pass and miskick gave Red Star the two goals and it was a lack of concentration by the Australian defence which gave them their opportunity."

The Australians had been anticipating a closer match following their good performance in winning the international series against Udinese, Vasco Da Gama and Tottenham Hotspur early in June.



Man of the match: MILAN JANKOVIC (Red Star)

● Soccerroo Zarko Odzakovic gets in a tangle with Milko Djurovski after fouling the Red Star player early in the match.



● Referee Stuart Mellings cautions Soccerroo Kenny Murphy who is bending down to see the extent of the injury suffered by Red Star's Bosko Djurovski after his challenge. Oscar Crino and Marshall Soper are onlookers.

TO THE EDITOR...

SIR — What are our sport's administrators trying to do?

After finally getting the venue right so fans can watch the national team on the best, real football ground in the country, these administrators made it impossible to buy tickets, and for groups to organise seating.

I searched for the usual notification that Bass was selling tickets for this series, in vain. I rang Olympic Park to find out how I can advance buy to be told that tickets would only be available at the park, but only for last Wednesday night's game.

I left work early to travel to Richmond to buy tickets for me and my six colleagues, but found:

1. I could not buy seats. I only could buy general admission grandstand tickets (perhaps alright if you are going alone or just with one other companion, but hopeless if you are in a group, especially if you don't all plan to walk in the gate together), and
2. I could not pay by Bankcard.

Goodness gracious, why make it more difficult for the fan to watch the best team game at the best venue with the best ever national XI participating?

I'm not only angry and frustrated, I won't be attending the games. Nor will my six colleagues, and I'll continue to

stay away if you continue to mess things up.

I remember writing to the ASF and VSF a while ago following the last Australian/New Zealand match when similar ticketing arrangements applied — no advance bookings, no Bass. Both the ASF and VSF replied that they would not do things that way again.

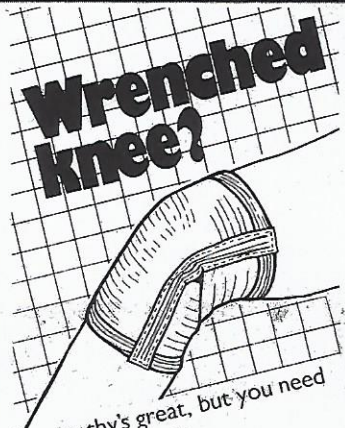
But they just have! I'm not the sort that carries around cash in excess of \$350 on the off chance that a business enterprise has not heard of 20th century business methods. I also fail to see the need to prevent a fan advance booking a group of seats about which there will be no dispute on the night, nor from booking seats for a number of games in the same series.

I'm tired of doing my bit to promote the game while you make it impossible for me to make these simple arrangements. I've initiated 13 previous non-fans to their national team in the last series, and I had another five to come along to this series.

I will not be attending further ASF-sponsored matches at this international level, nor will I promote their existence, until you ensure proper ticketing arrangements are restored.

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● Australian hopes already were sliding downhill when Rod Brown took this dive upon the damp Olympic Park surface.

No-one's really interested in the National League

Soccer people suffer from an incurable version of amnesia.

Two years ago, when the vanishing crowds forced the NSL to seek some remedies, we were told that "nobody is interested in watching out of town teams."

This, of course, was true in many cases, though not in all. Anyway, after that the NSL was carved up into two "conferences" — and everybody was excitedly telling you that "it's local derbies that people want."

Now, after further falls in attendances, nobody even mentions local derbies any more — and we are back to the "interest" "flavor" hypothesis.

What our soccer politicians are not brave enough to admit publicly is that only a handful of teams draw crowds — no matter what configuration you choose for your NSL (PSL, OASL, etc.).

These teams have a Croatian or Greek supporter-base. The others merely are making up the numbers.

And that goes for the Italian clubs, too, whose supporters, in recent years, have become middle class — and no longer dependent on soccer for their sole fun and amusement.

The question is, can a serious, National League be based on two ethnic minorities, no matter how numerous they happen to be?

And how many ballast-teams can the Croatians and Greeks carry without being dragged down?

Of course, somebody will say that this is another "racist theory." Perhaps it is. But statistics and trends appear to show that the theory is correct.

It must also be very clear by now, even to the most blinkered critic, that the Australian public, at large, is not interested in NSL soccer.

No matter how rapidly the game may be spreading in the suburbs, among juniors and

women — at senior, semi-professional level, it's creating less public stir than it did 30 years ago. And that was precisely little then.

I don't know if anything at all can be done to remedy this. I doubt it.

Top-flight soccer to the average Australian means as much as top-flight cricket means to a Brazilian. It's not part of his diet, not a conversational piece; it's not even noticed unless a riot makes the front pages.

So, I guess, soccer's management could, realistically, make whatever modifications may be considered useful — without worrying about "public reaction."

The public, as such, having ignored or shunned soccer for decades, simply has no right to have any "reaction" and to be taken seriously.

Of course, the public and the Media go hand in hand in all this. Prejudice against soccer, based on ignorance, hatred or bigotry, would not be reflected in the Media if it didn't exist among the public. And vice versa.

Take the "Sydney Morning Herald's" two recent excursions into this field.

About two or three weeks ago it ran a very big story, with a prominent layout, about a junior Melbourne soccer match during and after which a barbaric brawl broke out involving the parents, too.

You were forced to read, in gruesome detail, how some of the mad fathers rushed on the pitch to bash and kick the boys.

Then, next day, there was a small 5-line correction in the Herald saying it wasn't a soccer match but Australian Rules ...

Last week the Herald again



Andrew Dettre

excelled in its anti-soccer bias: it carried a big page one story about the government being worried about violence at night football matches. And to illustrate the story, it published a picture and caption of a soccer referee being escorted off the field after the DAY-TIME riot at Pratten Park recently ...

One has had to bear, with a degree of stoicism, for many years the fact that an unreasonable number of people dislike soccer.

Much as they dislike Catholicism or Judaism, pork meat,

espresso coffee and too many migrants in Mercedes cars.

There is not much you can do about prejudice mainly because it's never admitted in the first place.

But often enough I wonder why soccer needs outside enemies when we do a pretty fair job ourselves.

Take the current interruption to the NSL season. Have you ever heard of such

arrant nonsense before, anywhere in the world?

That one round before the end of the competition, when excitement should be at fever pitch, we insert a two-week break?

And for what? Last Sunday, August 4, Red Star Belgrade played Australia at St George Stadium.

And because of THAT match there couldn't be any NSL games last weekend not just in Sydney but also in Melbourne, Canberra, Wollongong, Adelaide and Brisbane ...

Are we sane in soccer? Haven't the clubs even raised their voice over this madness — or is their serfdom to the marketing dollar so complete?

Next Sunday won't be much better. Again, no NSL matches, anywhere ...

If the authorities treat the NSL season with such contempt, they shouldn't be surprised if the fans join them.

Every week nowadays about half or slightly more than half the matches report attendances less than 1,000; some even have less than 500.

One hates to think what crowds we will get for the last round when the NSL resumes. Mercifully, I'll be far away on holidays ...

A set up such as this certainly would encourage clubs and players towards full-time professionalism.

Clubs selected would qualify by standard of play, ground facilities, financial status and development of

Radio show for Perin, Nyskohus

Former Australian international John Perin and Johnny Nyskohus have broken new ground in Adelaide.

The pair have started a new show on radio station 5AA on Saturday at 6pm. The half-hour program features the latest results, previews of NSL games and interviews.

Perhaps the two Johnnies will rival the two Ronnies.

MacLaren switches

Ross MacLaren, who guested with Sunshine George Cross last season, has been transferred from Shrewsbury Town to Derby County for a \$40,000 fee.

HELLAS QUEST

South Melbourne Hellas will have its annual Miss Hellas Quest this season.

Connie Diamantaris, a past winner, is holding a function on Sunday, August 11 as part of her effort to be the first contestant to win the title twice. The event will take place at The Romy Hotel, 172 York St, South Melbourne, at 8.00 pm and all soccer followers are welcome.

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Victorian coaching director

The Brits play their part, Les

"The coaches charged with fashioning our juniors should not be British". A strong statement indeed, perhaps even a dangerous one, in a modern, sporting world where discrimination is a highly volatile subject.

The statement was made in a recent article in "Soccer Action" by Les Murray, a mid-European with an Anglo-Saxon name.

Apart from its discriminatory innuendo the statement is difficult to comprehend when one analyses the facts surrounding the subject: "Development of young soccer players in Australia".

I had thought of discussing in this article, Les's qualifications on this coaching subject, but my mind kept recalling a chapter in a book written by that brilliant player, Len Shackleton, on the subject of club directors' knowledge of football.

The chapter consisted of a blank page.

I know Les harbors fantasies of a jumbo jet parachuting a team of British coaches into Australia and he actually believes this totally will transform our game and will produce a host of players like a Zico or Pele.

Youngsters are not born equal — indeed they are unequal physically, mentally, and psychologically.

It is a fact that those who are born and brought up in a soccer environment will have better opportunities to develop their talents than those who are not.

The great challenge of teaching however, is to recognise potential talent and develop that potential to its fullest.

How players perform competitively depends on individual factors and in the game of soccer these factors are multitudinous, perhaps more so than in any other sport.

Under the heading of "ability", for example, a talented player must have excellent technical skills, but in themselves those skills are by no means sufficient.

Today, in addition to technique, a talented player must possess outstanding motor qualities such as strength, speed, endurance and agility, and be able to combine these. The player also must be capable of operating within a pre-planned tactical framework.

Many observers are so impressed by technical skills that they tend to pay too little attention to the other factors.

The previous statements have got to be viewed in the context of our Australian environment.

A multi-cultural society with players born of parents from every part of the world, growing up in a sporting environment in which the predominant sports are VFL football and Rugby League is a far cry from the delicate skills required for the game of soccer.

One must appreciate that coachability largely is genetic and could be regarded as the quotient obtained by dividing improvement in competitive performance by the amount of training undergone. Put simply, it is generally the case in Australia that youngsters only play soccer in an organised environment. I.e. club and school (occasionally). They are not born with a ball at their feet as is the case in soccer nations.

In this respect, the performance of our youth teams in the World Cup in 1981, 1983 and 1985 plus of course our under 16's currently in China, indicates an excellent development job by the coaches involved with our juniors throughout the country.

It is in this area where I feel Les blatantly has insulted the ability and dedication of junior coaches who have done an excellent job in recent years.

I can speak with great authority on the position in Victoria and I know the time and effort and the quality involved in the development of young players through our regional and state teams.

Our national team coaches Frank Arok, Eddie Thompson, Jim Shoulder, Ron Tindall, Vic Daigleish and Bruce Stowell all have had excellent results so far and I'm sure all of them acknowledge the development of the players currently in their squads.

Players of the calibre of Alan Davidson, Oscar Crino, Rod Brown, Frank Farina, Tony Franken, Jeff Oliver, etc. have developed in this country and they all have come under the guidance of British coaches throughout their careers.

Les suggests that Australia should be invaded by "skilled coaching missionaries".

One can't help feeling that Les pre-supposes our current development consists of command-style exercises designed to produce Kamakaze-type players.

This supposition is a direct result of ignorance of our current methods of development and I am speaking as a staff coach of the National Coaching Scheme.

In this context, I suggest Les avails himself of the service available through this scheme and attends, as a candidate or observer with or without cameras, a coaching course, a number of which will be held in the close season.

You are currently invited to any course held in Victoria, Les, where you can acquaint yourself with the realities of our development philosophy and then criticise constructively if you wish.

One of the best ways to improve is to observe the best.

TO THE EDITOR

SIR — Les Murray on SBS-TV is quite right to encourage a 12-team NSL competition. It is the only answer.

"Quality" should be the pre-requisite of any new league — better grounds, facilities, promotion, performances and presentations.

The ultimate aim should be full time professionalism and involvement of all states.

For the first stage we could start with the eastern sector. A league should be formed, comprising: four teams from NSW, four from Victoria; one from Queensland; one from South Australia; one from the A.C.T.; and one from Tasmania.

Assuming for this exercise we play four full rounds (44 matches), 15 players per team, \$300 a week in wages, the total cost per club would be: 44 x 15 x 300 = \$198,000 a year. Allowing another \$52,000 a year most clubs would spend say \$250,000.

By playing 22 home matches at \$5.00 per adult admission the entire cost of running a club would require an average adult attendance of 2,273 people per fortnight.

Since all clubs raise extra finance by various methods, such as advertising, functions, raffles, etc. it is a reachable figure.

A set up such as this certainly would encourage clubs and players towards full-time professionalism.

Clubs selected would qualify by standard of play, ground facilities, financial status and development of

soccer in their immediate areas.

Geographical selection also should be of paramount importance to avoid the ridiculous situation like we have in Sydney with Marconi, Croatia, Penrith and Blacktown.

There is no reason why Brisbane, Adelaide, Canberra and to a lesser degree, Hobart, could not produce ONE good team.

All we are looking for are 180 good players in Australia. Not really an impossible task.

Eventually, a team from Western Australia also could be included.

I don't think there would be any problem under these conditions in finding a strong and suitable national sponsor to cover extra travel costs.

Unless we can remove our "blinkers" and plan ahead without "fear or favor" we never will achieve anything.

— FRANK SBISA, former APFA manager

12-team league the only answer

The NSL should switch to summer

SIR — You have voiced your opinions and possible solutions to help the development of soccer on numerous occasions. However, as an interested and keen soccer follower (who attends soccer matches each week), I would like you to spare a moment and consider my own views.

(1) Firstly, I believe that the ASF should scrap the current format which includes the two divisions — Northern and Southern. This format promised so much but has produced negative results: a reduction in crowds and a lowering of the standard of soccer being played. By reverting to the format where the best 14 NSL clubs compete each week, people will once again become interested in soccer.

The obvious truth about the current format is that the soccer fans wait for the finals series to begin, before attending in numbers. The home-and-away matches provide a little interest whereas the finals are come appealing!

Playing the best teams in Australia, week after week would ensure people's interest throughout the year.

The 14-team format is so much fairer to the clubs and more appealing to the fans. The team which finishes on top of the ladder after the home-and-away games would be 'National Champions'.

Then, the top five could compete in a final series play-off — e.g. the National Cup — which would also provide added interest among followers.

Such a competition would be fair to all the teams involved as well as being economically successful (which the current format doesn't offer!).

With a 14-team National competition, the next critical point to consider is WHEN the season should begin. I am adamant that the season begin during the summer months i.e. from January onwards, till the end of autumn.

(2) The change of season would allow the current "clash of codes" to cease. Soccer wouldn't have to compete for essential and invaluable media coverage with football (in Melbourne) and rugby (in Sydney).

(3) Such a change of season would only involve the National competition. This would mean that the State League, Amateur League, Junior, Industrial League competitions wouldn't be altered. This

would allow those soccer enthusiasts to attend games whereas otherwise they could not because they would be playing for their own clubs.

(4) One factor which no one can control but has enormous bearing on attendances is the weather. One excellent example illustrates the role of the weather.

1985 season, Round 8 (first meeting between SM-Hellas and Heidelberg). — Conditions: fine, clear sky, perfect opening day. Temp: 20°C. Crowd: about 12,000. Venue: Olympic Village, (excellent!).

Round 19 (2nd meeting): Conditions: overcast, strong winds, threat of rain. Crowd: about 7,000. Temp: 12°C. (excellent crowd considering weather).

Fans enjoy watching games on fine, warm days but stay away on cold days (which I can understand). For this reason summer soccer would be a great success. Little shelter is provided for them on cold, rainy days at JUST, Preston, Green Gully, George Cross which have no stand. Fans aren't going to pay admission prices, stand in the cold, get wet and catch the flu for their troubles, are they?

(5) Most importantly, the standard of Australian soccer would improve. The fierce, express-type style being played currently would have to stop. The weather would see to that! Coaches and players would place more emphasis on skill — that important aspect of soccer which the crowds flock to grounds to see. Soccer should be an amusement otherwise the paying customer will look elsewhere for all it's the size of the crowds which determines the success and development of our great game.

Any changes don't need to be made all at once and changes have to be gradual and given sufficient time to prove their success.

With the qualifying rounds of the World Cup fast arriving, the Socceros, I would like to offer one final opinion. The crunch match for Australia may well be with Israel (in Australia). Wouldn't it be good if a sponsor could be found to sponsor the game. That would mean admission prices being reduced. To make the match appealing how about half price for everybody? Hopefully then, we'd have a capacity crowd to spur the Aussies on.

— ANDREW MANGONIS

Only 95 goals for Jankovics

A report in last week's "Soccer Action" that Mark Jankovics of Marconi passed the 100 NSL-goal mark in the 6-0 win against Penrith, was incorrect.

Jankovics has scored 95 NSL goals, plus nine in the National Cup and one in the old top four series.

Total	NSL	Cup	Series
118 Gary Cole (Makedonia).....	97	12	9
110 John Kosmina (SC Hakoah).....	101	8	1
105 Mark Jankovics (Marconi).....	95	9	1
95 Phil O'Connor (Blacktown).....	75	7	1
78 Ken Boden (ex-Newc.Hak).....	64	12	2
68 Doug Brown (SM-Hellas).....	65	4	0
65 Jim Campbell (M. Croatia).....	58	8	0
66 John Nyskohus (ex-AC-Juve).....	53	13	0
65 Jamie Paton (Foot JUST).....	58	3	4
65 Murray Barnes (SC Hakoah).....	57	6	2

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Overseas news

Libya progressed to the fourth round of the African Zone World Cup Qualifying Series with a 2-0 win over Ghana Tripoli. The first leg ended as a goalless draw.

The more interesting close

was between Atalanta, Aldo Maldera (AS Roma to Fiorentina), Pietro Fanna and Luciano Marangoni (Inter to Internazionale Milano), Marco Tardelli (Juventus to Internazionale Milano), Paulo Rossi (Juventus to AC Milan), Bruno Giordano (Lazio to Napoli), Zbigniew Boniek (Polonia to AS Roma).

WORLD TITLE WITHIN OUR GRASP

Champions of the world? The Australian under 16 players are daring to dream that impossible dream after qualifying for the quarter-finals of the world championships in China.

They meet Guinea in the quarter-finals in Shanghai today (Wednesday) and, if they win, they proceed to the semi-finals against either Hungary or Nigeria.

The semi-finals are on Friday. The match for third place and the final are on Sunday.

Australia is the only team in the 16-nation tournament to win all three of its preliminary matches.

It beat Argentina 1-0, Congo 2-1 and West Germany 1-0. Australia's top scorer so far is Paul Trimboli, of Victorian club Brighton, who has two. He scored the winner against West Germany.

Australia suffered one casualty in the victory over Germany when captain Robert Runje (Mornington, Vic) wrenched his knee and had to be carried off the ground. However, team doctor John Parissis does not believe the injury is too serious.

Runje missed the opening match against Argentina due to illness.

The Australians dazzled the Germans with their constructive play, particularly in the last 15 minutes, and had many shots at goal.

"We must have a good chance of winning the Cup," Australian manager Ian Brusasco said.

Hungary appears to be the biggest danger. It has not yet conceded a goal.

The team against West Germany was: Corrado Nobile, David Barrett, Robert Runje (captain), George Jolevski, Damien Butler, Craig Foster, Gareth Naven, Mark Talajic, David Scott, Scott Racey, Paul Trimboli.

On the bench were Alfie Catalano, Anthony Grbac, Stan Thodis, Colin Cooper, and George Bouhoutsoes.

Unavailable for selection were Craig Naven, who had an ankle injury and Michael Graham, who was recovering from illness.

Against Congo, Australia led 1-0 at half-time through a 19th-minute goal from a centre which Trimboli left-footed into the net.

Two minutes after half-time another fine centre saw Stan Thodis score.

The Australians survived a Congo comeback in the final five minutes when the Africans took advantage of the hot and humid conditions to get a goal back from Herve Kakou.

Perth midfielder Craig Naven, the star of the match against Congo and Australia's lone goal scorer in the game against Argentina, suffered a badly twisted ankle when he trod in a small hole in the field.

"We cannot complain too much about that — the kids play on worse grounds at home," Stowell said.

After the Congo match the Australian coaches studied the German team's performance against Argentina.

"We can beat Germany", they said.

"Typical of Germans they are methodical and stick rigidly to their set plan. But they have many grey areas."

"But they have two stars, Marcel Witczek and Rene Schlechting."

"Their passing and position play is top class. We will have to watch them closely particularly Witczek."

FIFA, the world soccer body, was not fooled. In one of its media pre-tournament releases FIFA said:

"Australia is a land of limitless soccer potential, particularly at the teenage level."

The Kodak Kids have already shown this is true. Brusasco, of Brisbane, said: "Australia can be proud of its kids."

"They have done their country proud."

"They have been great ambassadors on and off the field."

"In group B of this tournament we are the only team not to get a yellow card. And they have taken plenty. I am disappointed with some of the refereeing. Several players should have been sent off."

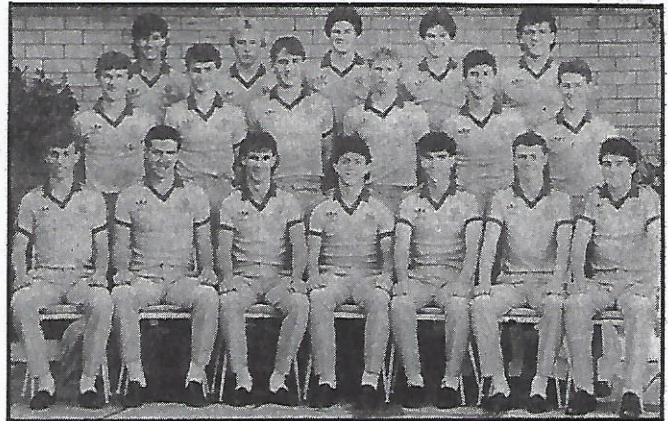
Against Argentina a header by Western Australian twin Craig Naven in the 28th minute assured Australia of victory. The Socceros nearly scored two more before half-time and then took many Argentinian attacks in their stride to hold out for the 90 minutes without further score.

Exuberant coach Dalgleish said later: "Never in my wildest dreams did I leave New Zealand two years ago after qualifying for the Cup believing we could achieve this victory over the highly-rated Argentinians — one of the favorites for the tournament."

"We played to a plan and it worked but not before all the players showed what big hearts they have."

"I told them to give all they had for Australia and they did."

"This is the first stage in the rise of Australia in the football world."



The Australian under 16 squad, from left, back row: Stan Thodis, Colin Cooper, Craig Naven, Gareth Naven, George Jolevski. Centre: Damien Butler, Robert Runje, David Barrett, Michael Graham, Corrado Nobile, Paul Trimboli. Front: Anthony Grbac, George Bouhoutsoes, Alfie Catalano, Mark Talajic, Craig Foster, Scott Racey, David Scott.

Mexican referee Joaquin Urrea Reyes showed the Argentinians he was boss when he repeatedly penalised them for rough play in the first 16 minutes.

Argentinian star Hugo Maradona was elusive and looked dangerous early but could not cope with the close Australian tackling.

The Australians soon showed he had a long way to go to match his brother, Diego, who is reputedly the highest paid soccer player in the world.

It was all Argentina in the first few minutes with Maradona missing a header and Lorenzo Frutos just missing with an angled left-foot shot.

Craig Foster, the student midfielder from Lismore in New South Wales, came close with a header in 28th minute.

A goal by David Barrett in the 31st minute was disallowed and shortly before half-time a shot by Alfie Catalano from Brisbane hit the cross bar.

With most of the 25,000 Chinese spectators cheering for Australia, there were many "oohs" as the Australians just missed getting their second goal before half-time.

At half-time Dalgleish told his team, "You are 40 minutes from greatness — remember you are achieving it for Australia."

Australia defended desperately as the Argentinians mounted sharp attacks. But Gareth Naven and Brisbane's Damien Butler, who is the only 15-year-old in the team, kept them at bay.

"The Cat", goalkeeper Corrado Nobile, from Fawkner in Melbourne, flew high to stop Argentina taking advantage of corners and Australian boots and heads worked furiously as the Argentinians became desperate.

At 60 minutes Stan Thodis from Heidelberg-Alexander replaced Craig Foster and soon afterwards Colin Cooper, from Altona City replaced West Australian Scott Racey.

Australian hearts — there were 14 parents in the stand plus officials and players — stopped for a second when an Argentinian shot hit the crossbar and soon afterwards a second shot just went over the net.

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Scores, standings

GROUP A: China 1 Bolivia 1, USA 0 Guinea 1, China 2 Guinea 1, USA 2 Bolivia 1, China 3 USA 1, Guinea 3 Bolivia 0.

China	2	1	0	6	3	5
Guinea	2	0	1	5	2	4
United States	1	0	2	3	5	2
Bolivia	0	1	2	2	6	1

GROUP B: Australia 1 (C. Naven) Argentina 0, Congo 1 West Germany 4, Australia 2 (Trimboli, Thodis) Congo 1, West Germany 1 Argentina 1, Australia 1 (Trimboli) West Germany 0, Argentina 4 Congo 2.

Australia	3	3	0	0	4	1	6
West Germany	3	1	1	5	3	3	3
Argentina	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Congo	3	0	0	3	4	10	0

GROUP C: Nigeria 1 Italy 0, Saudi Arabia 4 Costa Rica 1, Saudi Arabia 0 Nigeria 0, Italy 2 Costa Rica 0, Saudi Arabia 3 Italy 1, Nigeria 3 Costa Rica 0.

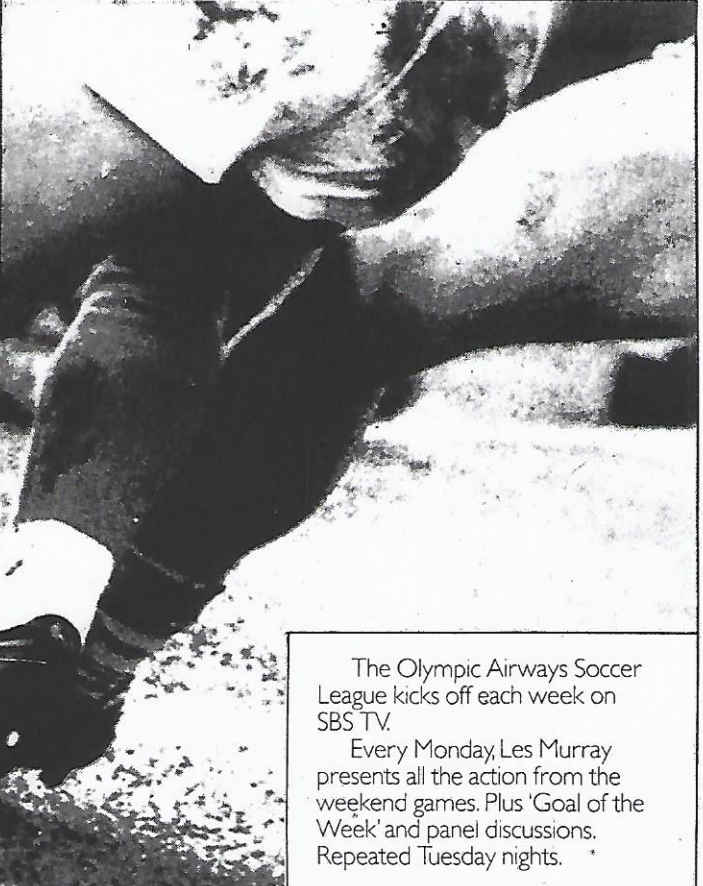
Saudi Arabia	3	2	1	0	7	2	5
Nigeria	3	2	1	0	4	0	5
Italy	3	1	0	2	3	4	2
Costa Rica	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

GROUP D: Brazil 2 Qatar 1, Hungary 0 Mexico 0, Mexico 3 Qatar 1, Hungary 1 Brazil 0, Hungary 3 Qatar 0, Brazil 2 Mexico 0.

Hungary	3	2	1	0	4	0	5
Brazil	3	2	0	1	4	2	4
Mexico	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Qatar	3	0	0	3	2	3	0

QUARTER-FINALS: China v West Germany, Australia v Guinea, Saudi Arabia v Brazil, Hungary v Nigeria.

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J.U.S.T. OR CROYDON

By
CRAIG
MACKENZIE

The fate of Footscray J.U.S.T. and Croydon may well come down to a battle between facilities at Schindler Reserve and Town Park.

Footscray J.U.S.T. will finish last in the NSL's Southern Division and will apply for re-admission. Croydon, which looks to have the Victorian State League championship in the bag, is making a determined bid to switch its headquarters from Croydon Park to Town Park and hopes to get local council backing to erect a grandstand at Town Park.

Croydon's youth team and juniors already play at Town Park and the training lights there were put up by Croydon. At last, Croydon has found out what the NSL expects in terms of facilities from its member clubs.

Croydon tried to find out what was required recently but sent a letter to ASF executive director Brian Emery, rather than NSL general manager Stefan Kamasz.

Croydon's letter was sent to the VSF and Croydon president Sid Harbison now has correspondence from the VSF outlining what his club must do to upgrade its facilities to NSL standards.

If Croydon wins the championship it won't automatically replace J.U.S.T. in the Southern Division and Harbison isn't pleased about that.



"I've been thinking about this set-up for the past few days and it seems strange to me that even if we win the championship we've got to go and beg for a National League spot," said Harbison.

"We shouldn't be asked whether or not we want to apply for a National League spot. We should automatically go up as the Victorian champion."

The NSL will want to know

details of finances at J.U.S.T. and Croydon. J.U.S.T. started the year with a debt reported to be in excess of \$100,000 and claimed a couple of months ago that it had paid off \$80,000 of that debt.

Croydon would need to raise a lot of money to compete at NSL level but Harbison is confident that the task can be achieved.

"We could raise the money ourselves initially but we'd be looking at sponsorship to give us financial stability for quite a few years," said Harbison.

"We could raise about \$150,000 ourselves and we'd be looking at getting about \$200,000 in sponsorship. We've already spoken to prospective sponsors and we've received a positive response but only if we can guarantee them National League exposure."

Talk about some of Croydon's current regular first teamers not wanting to put up with the training and travelling requirements of the NSL doesn't worry Harbison.

"We'd need another four or five players anyway in the National League. The squad would have to be increased and we'd probably unload a couple

of Marwell Falcons, the side likely to be offered an NSL berth if Croydon refuses to apply. Back row: Peter Vignano (team manager), John O'Callaghan, Emil Bruns, Peter Blasby, Ian Sturton, Graham Tutill, Jimmy Dunne (coach). Front: Effie Cassar, Russell Athersych, Jim MacLean, Stevie Moore, Harry Bingham, Jim Train. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

of players who haven't put in this year."

And when it comes to comparing surfaces at Schindler Reserve and Town Park, Harbison says that it's no contest.

The surface at Town Park is excellent, easily better than

Schindler Reserve. It's better than Green Gully and Chaplin Reserve for that matter, so I'm not worried about our chances of getting into the National League on that score.

Town Park is across the road from Croydon Park.

It's a big risk

ACCORDING TO J.U.S.T. president Tony Amon and Green Gully treasurer Arnold Langer, no State League team is likely to accept promotion.

"I think it would be foolish for any of the State League candidates to go into the National League because everyone knows the NSL will not continue for long under its present format," Amon said.

"What's the good of a club coming in for perhaps a year, only to find itself on the outer again when the league is altered?"

Amon believes the NSL eventually will discard its two-league system and revert to an elite single league, or be replaced by State-based leagues with national play-offs.

Arnold favors a single-league format comprising five teams from Melbourne, five from Sydney and one each from Brisbane and Adelaide.

He said if such a league came about, he would seek amalgamation with George Cross to form the strongest possible Maltese club.

BUNDALO TO ST. GEORGE?

From page one

Asked how the season for Wollongong had panned out, Alston replied: "Quite well actually, when you consider that we only spent \$300 on players! Alex Bundalo and some of the other youngsters have developed into fine National League players but we'll only keep Alex if I stay next year. If I go, he'll join St. George. We're going to lose Bernie Godzik, who's going back to Scotland, and Des Marton might go back to Yugoslavia, so it's going to be hard work again."

APIA plays Sydney Croatia in the last round, at King Tomislav Park, and seems certain to lose. Sure, APIA's got a hell of a lot to play for but so has Croatia which wants to try and pinch top spot off Sydney Hakoah and go into the finals knowing that it only is two successive wins away from winning the Northern Division championship and earning a crack at the national title.

APIA coach Frank Macfarlane, unflappable as ever, played down the significance of the clash.

"It's just another game. We won't prepare in any special way. Sure, it's going to be hard for us but the boys know what has to be done and we have good players. I'm sure we can get at least a point and that's all we need," said Bundalo.

He's quite right too. APIA and Wollongong have a two point lead over second-bottom Penrith but Penrith has the best goal difference, so if it beats Newcastle Rosebud United while APIA and Wollongong lose, it will end the season in 11th spot on the league ladder. Draws for APIA and Wollongong will force Penrith to re-apply for admission to the Northern Division.

And my tip? Penrith to face re-applying for admission. Why?

Because Penrith hasn't won in its past 13 games! Its last win, which must seem like light years away, was against Sydney Olympic at Pratten Park. During this dreadful run, one of the worst ever in NSL history, Penrith has scored 10 goals and conceded 28.



Wollongong coach Adrian Alston, during his playing days with the Tampa Bay Rowdies in the U.S.

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS

Canterbury for NSL?

The race for top spot in the Northern Division is hotting up and the composition of the final five in both Divisions probably won't be settled until the last round.

Sydney Croatia and Sydney Hakoah have their eyes firmly fixed on top spot in the north and how vital it is to grab that place, as the top side has to win only its first final game to go straight into the grand final.

South Melbourne Hellas has top spot in the South all parcelled up and Juventus, Heidelberg, Croatia and Makedonia will complete the five.

Up north, Canberra and St. George are battling it out for fifth spot. But what a great effort it's been by the Inter Monaro players and coach Frank Macfarlane to get so close. The club was in turmoil earlier in this, its first NSL season. Josef Procop was sacked as coach and later

Laurie Pastrello quit as chairman. Yet Macfarlane got the players firing, not that he ever was short of talent in that area, as his previous record with Inter shows.

And the relegation issue in the Northern and Southern Divisions isn't tail that clear. If Newcastle Rosebud goes down it won't be replaced, as our story on page one explains. It only could happen in Australian soccer!

The other side to get the boot from the Northern Division should be Penrith. I like Willie Wallace a lot and I'm sad for his sake.

Canterbury

can do it

Canterbury reckons it can catch Fairy Meadow in the race for the NSW State League championship and win promotion to the NSL.

Canterbury's recent record is excellent. In fact the club is enjoying its best ever year, which is great for coach Raul Blanco and his players who took a lot of stick earlier this season. Some of the outstanding players at Canterbury in 1985 have been defender Spiros Hatzis, goalkeeper Chris Hummel, Lou Doumle (before joining APIA), and forward Neillio Borges.

Patikas

or Egan?

Jim Patikas or Charlie Egan? We'll know soon which one of these fine players is the winner of the Boral Bricks \$1,000 Top Scorer award.

The way they've been playing I'd have no hesitation in picking them in the Australian side. Forget about politics for a minute and just look at their form. After all, that should be the sole criterion for advance-

ment. Patikas has blistering acceleration while Egan always is in the right place at the right time — a measure of how well he times his runs. And Egan has proved for a few years now that he'll score goals at any level.

I wonder what the current criterion is for selection to the national team. Is it the same as it was last year? Or even last month? Even the last game the Soccerbros played? I'm sure people would like to know if there is any set criterion for selection.

Congratulations

to Graham

Well done Graham Honeyman. It's a tremendous honor winning "Soccer Action's" Player of the Year award and as a past winner I want to sincerely congratulate Graham on his outstanding season.

He's a good bloke too, really level-headed, and he's been a tremendous servant to West Adelaide Hellas. Graham can play up front, in midfield, or at the back and his presence in such a young team is bound to rub off as the Hellas kids get older.

Leaving on August 18

I'm off to Greece to start my three-year stint with Larissa on August 18, thanks to the tremendous help and understanding I've received from the Sydney Olympic committee, especially president Jim Petinellis, and coach Manfred Schaefer.

Olympic could have held me back for the finals but the club understands how important it is for me to get in a good pre-season with Larissa. So my last game for Olympic will be in the National Cup

By LAURIE SCHWAB

FIN FORM

Statistics favor Sydney Hakoah in the National League finals which start on Wednesday, August 21, but Heidelberg-Alexander may cause some major upsets.

Of the finalists in the Southern Division, Heidelberg boasts most victories over other finalists, according to our form guide.

Heidelberg has beaten other Southern finalists six times this year, Melbourne Croatia boasts five such victories and Hellas, Juventus and Makedonia four each.

In the North, Hakoah has seven victories against fellow finalists, followed by Sydney Croatia with six, Sydney Olympic with five and Marconi with three.

Canberra Olympians and St George Budapest, one of which will qualify for the remaining finals berths in the last home-and-away round on August 18,

look to have a one victory over Marconi are each. The loss Croatia.

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Wednesday, final. Sunday, grand final. Wednesday, national final. Sunday, national final.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS:

v Heidelberg

Away: 1-0, Brown

Home: 1-0, Brown

v Brunswick Juventus

Away: 2-2, Egan 2 (SM)

Home: 1-3, Egan

v Melbourne Croatia

Buffalo Cup: 0-1

Home: 1-2, Crino

Away: 1-0, Egan

v Preston Makedonia

Buffalo Cup: 0-1

National Cup: 0-1

Away: 1-0, Egan

Home: 3-0, Brown 2, Egan

TOP SCORERS:

15. Egan

9. Brown

4. Crino

BEST PLAYERS

Egan, Crino, McDowell, Russell.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS:

v Stth Melbourne Hellas

Home: 2-2, Incantalupo, Zinni

Away: 3-1, Lewis, Petersen, Sweeney

v Heidelberg-Alexander

Buffalo Cup: 1-2, Sweeney

Home: 2-0, Wade, Incantalupo

Away: 0-1

v Melbourne Croatia

National Cup: 0-2

Away: 1-0, Petersen

Home: 1-1, Zinni

v Pre

Away: 0-0

Home: 2-0

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10. Sweeney

8. Zinni

5. Petersen

BE

Wade, Carr

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v S

Home: 0-1

Away: 0-1

v Bruns

Buffalo Cup: 0-1

Away: 0-2

Home: 1-0

v Melbo

Buffalo Cup: 0-1

Dankovic 0-0

Away: 2-1

Home: 0-1

v Pre

Buffalo Cup: 0-0

National Cup: 0-0

Away: 4-1

Home: 0-0

TO

11. Stevens

6. Tasios

BE

Yankos, St

MELBO

v S

Buffalo Cup: 0-1

Away: 2-1

Home: 1-1



Sydney Croatia, back row: M. Bogdanovic (team manager), Marjan Kovacic, Tony Basic, Graham Arnold, Dr. Bosnic, Fr...



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ALS GUIDE

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● Paul Wade (Brunswick Juventus)

on Macedonia

weeney, Zinni

SCORERS:

PLAYERS:

ell, Miranda, Cullen.

NS-ALEXANDER:

Melb Hellas

ck Juventus

2-1, Selemidis, Winn

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Winn, Valentine, Tasios
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on Macedonia

mi: 1-0, Yankos pen
1-2, Tasios
evenson 2, Yankos pen

SCORERS:

PLAYERS:

nson, Oliver,

NE CROATIA

Melb Hellas

-0, Gojevic

mpbell, Gojevic

ard

v Brunswick Juventus:

National Cup: 2-0, Biskic, Cristaldo

Home: 0-1

Away: 1-1, Campbell

v Heidelberg-Alexander

Buffalo Cup final: 1-5, Antolovic

Home: 1-2, House

Away: 1-0, Gojevic

v Preston Macedonia

Buffalo Cup: 0-0

Home: 2-0, Ward, Biskic

Away: 2-3, Ward, Ljubic

TOP SCORERS:

9. Ward

4. Ljubic, House

BEST PLAYERS:

Biskic, McIntosh, Gojevic.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA

v Sth Melb Hellas

Buffalo Cup 1-0, Opasins

National Cup 1-0, Smith

Home: 0-1

Away: 0-3

v Brunswick Juventus

Home: 0-0

Away: 0-2

v Heidelberg-Alexander

Buffalo Cup semi: 0-1

National Cup: 2-1, Spink, Cole

Home: 1-4, Smith

Away: 0-0

v Melbourne Croatia

Buffalo Cup: 0-0

Away: 0-2

Home: 3-2, Lane 2, Dobson

TOP SCORERS:

8. Smith

6. Spink, Cole



● HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER, from left, standing: Peter Georgiopoulos (physiotherapist), George Christopoulos, Chris Katsakidis, Steve Winn, Jeff Oliver, Stuart Stevenson, Charlie Yankos, Theo Selemidis, Joe Angele. Front: Brian Garvey (coach), Steve Tasios, Mike Valentine, John Metaxas, Ian McKie, Peter Tsolakis. Picture: CARLOS PICASSO.

BEST PLAYERS:
Illioski, Lane, Traianedes, Dobson

NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH:

v Sydney Croatia

Away: 0-2

Home: 2-0, DeMarigny, Kosmina

v Marconi

Home: 1-1, Kosmina pen

Away: 0-0

v Sydney Olympic

Home: 2-1, Lee, Watson

Away: 1-0, Gomez, abandoned 33rd.

minute but result stands

v Canberra Olympians

Away: 3-1, Lee, Farina, Kosmina pen

Home: to be played Aug. 18

v St. Geo Budapest

Ampol Cup: 2-1, Fletcher, Lee

Home: 1-0, Gomez

Away: 1-0, Kosmina pen

TOP SCORERS:

8. Farina, Kosmina, Gomez

5. Lee

BEST PLAYERS:

Gomez, Watson, Farina

SYDNEY CROATIA:

v Sydney City Hakoah

Home: 2-0, M. Kovacic, Arnold

Away: 0-2

v Marconi

Home: 3-3, Arnold 2, Razo

Away: 2-0, Patikas, Arnold

v Sydney Olympic

Pindari Cup: 1-1, Patikas

Home: 5-0, Arnold 2, Patikas 2, Drag-

icevic.

Away: 1-3, Odzakov

v Canberra Olympians

Away: 4-2, Patikas 2, M. Kovacic pen,

Jurin

Home: 1-0, Patikas

v St. Geo Budapest

Pindari Cup: 0-0

Away: 3-1, Arnold, Vidaic, Patikas

Home: 2-2, Patikas, Krncevic

TOP SCORERS:

14. Patikas

13. Arnold

6. Jurin, Dragicevic

BEST PLAYERS:

Rozio, Patikas, Odzakov, Arnold

MARCONI:

v Sydney City Hakoah

Away: 1-1, Sharne

Home: 0-0

v Sydney Croatia

Away: 3-3, Jankovics 2, Calderan

Home: 0-2

v Sydney Olympic

Home: 0-0

Away: to be played Aug 18

v Canberra Olympians

Away: 1-1, Lowe pen

Home: 4-1, Brown 2, Jankovics,

Lowe

v St. Geo Budapest

Home: 1-0, Jankovics

Away: 1-0, Gray

TOP SCORERS:

13. Jankovics

11. Brown

9. Lowe

BEST PLAYERS:

Mason, Brown, Tredinnick, Gray

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

v Sydney City Hakoah

Away: 1-2, Raskopoulos

Home: 0-1, match abandoned 33rd

min but result stands

v Sydney Croatia
Pindari Cup: 1-1, Koussas
Away: 0-5
Home: 3-1, Raskopoulos pen., Soper,
Kalantzis

v Marconi:
Away: 0-0
Home: to be played Aug. 18

v Canberra Olympians
National Cup: 1-1, Theo-
dorakopoulos, Olymp., won 5-4 on pens.
Away: 3-1, Soper, Kalantzis, Ogun

v St. George Budapest
Pindari Cup: 0-2
Away: 1-0, Raskopoulos
Home: 3-1, Provan 2, Johnston

TOP SCORERS:

6. Kalantzis

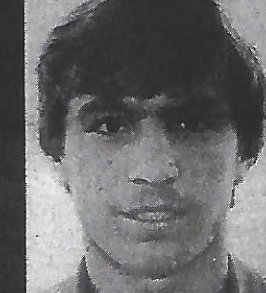
5. Soper

4. Raskopoulos

BEST PLAYERS:

Phillips (has been out injured), Kalant-

zis, Jennings.



● Vlado Bozinovski (SM-Hellas)

CANBERRA OLYMPIANS
v Sydney City Hakoah

Home: 1-2, Sermanni

Home: to be played Aug 18

v Sydney Croatia

Home: 2-4, Bryant, Dunn

Away: 0-1

v Marconi

Home: 1-1, Byrne

Away: 1-4, Gibson

v Sydney Olympic

Away: 1-0, Mihalidis

Home: 1-3, Lamond

TOP SCORERS:

5. English, Lamond

4. Sermanni

BEST PLAYERS:

Bryant, Franken, Sermanni, English

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST

v Sydney City Hakoah

Ampol Cup: 1-2, Cotton

Away: 0-1

Home: 0-1

v Sydney Croatia

Pindari Cup: 0-0

Home: 1-3, Cotton pen

Away: 2-2, Petkovski, Morgan

v Marconi

Away: 0-1

Home: 0-1

v Sydney Olympic

Pindari Cup: 2-0, Broadhouse, Pet-

kovski

Home: 0-1

Away: 1-3, Bozanic

TOP SCORERS:

8. Morgan

6. Slater

4. Bozanic

BEST PLAYERS:

Ratcliffe, Koczka, Greedy

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26. Traianedes (Mak), Kastner (SGC)

25. Oliver (H'b)
23. Wishart (BC)
21. Gosling (NR)
17. Evans (BL), Denys (GG)
16. Meier (SO)

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Leaders:
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39. Maxwell (ACJ)
38. Franken (Can)
36. Dickson (W)
35. R Stewart (BL)
31. Koczka (St.G)

30. Gojevic (M.Cr), Farina (SCH)
29. Tapai (JUST)
28. Runje (M.Cr)
26. Traianedes (Mak)
24. Kalantzis (SO)
23. Owens (NR)
22. Postecoglou (SMH)
19. Karic (JUST)

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CROYDON	14	5	1	40	10	33
MORWELL FALCONS	12	4	3	37	17	28
BOX HILL	11	5	4	34	24	27
F'STONE PINES	9	6	5	40	26	24
Polonia	8	7	5	31	20	23
Western Suburbs	8	5	7	26	26	21
Fawkner	6	6	8	32	27	18
Northcote	6	6	8	31	36	18
Thomastown	6	6	8	23	31	18
Springvale	6	5	9	18	22	17
St Alb. Dinamo	6	3	11	26	41	15
R.Wilhelmina	4	5	11	19	33	14
Knox City	4	5	11	11	35	13
Albion Turk Gucu	4	3	13	13	33	11

KNOX CITY 0 CROYDON CITY 1 (French 15th) at Egan Leo Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: McKurk 7 — Loy Salsi 7, Bissinger 9, Tunstall 7, Riddie 7 (Muiray 70th). — Pate 7, Underwood 8, Lucio Salsi 7 (Phillips 72nd). — G. Bakker 7, Wild 7, Turner 7. Coach: Duncan Smith.
CROYDON CITY: Edwards 8 — Brown 7, Singleton 7, O'Reilly 8, Tansey 7 — Beech 7, Taylor 6 (Ollerton 75th), Kerr 7, Livingstone 6 — Brogan 7, French 7. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Edwards (C), 2. Bissinger (Knox), 1. Underwood (Knox).

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Sirtion 13th) FAWKNER 0 at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 8 — Bingham 8, Bruns 6, Tutill 8, Train 8 — McGowan 8, Moore 8, MacLean 8, Cassar 7 — Sirtion 8, Athersych 7. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.
FAWKNER: Terzini 8 — Schipano 6, Angelle 7, Fattore 7, Hobson 7, Boyle 7, Quigley 7, Mancinelli 7, diCeco 7 — Palinkas 7, Cicolani (in) Chivavelli 30th. Coach: Pepe Carrassi.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. MacLean (MF), 2. Terzini (Fawk), 1. Tutill (MF).

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 POLONIA 0 at Ross Reserve, Saturday.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry Mur 6 — Fitzpatrick 7, Adams 7, Luyten 7, Vogel 6 — Bannan 6, Matthews 7, Luca 6 — D'Amico 6, Nelson 7, Campbell 6 (van Dinteren 80th). Coach: Bobby McLachlan.
POLONIA: Dzielakowski 7 — Upiarski 7, Innes 7, Smolarek 7, Little 8 — Stojewski 4, Gibson 6, Avian 5 — Gregorczuk 6, Auld 7, Warzawski 7. Coach: Eddie Reid.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Little (P), 2. Matthews (Spring), 1. Auld (P).

ST-ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Kuna 43rd, Morovic 74th) FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Thomas penalty 80th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST-ALBANS DINAMO: M.Grgic 7 — Kustura 6, Brkijacic 8, Ramljak 7, Pozar 6 — Rastocic 7, Batinovic 6, Culina 7, Dezic 7 — Kuna 7, Morovic 7. Coach: Tony Vrzina.
FRANKSTON PINES: Beamish 6 — Cumming 6, Thurlow 8, Cullen 6, Watson 7 — Cooke 6, Ross 7, Miller 5 (Hennessy H.T. 5) — Dick 6, Webster 6, Thomas 6. Coach: Danny McKinnon.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Brkijacic (St.A), 2. Thurlow (Pines), 1. M.Grgic (St.A).

BOX HILL 1 (Hennessy 80th) ALBION TURK GUCU 0 at Wembley Park, Saturday.

BOX HILL: Harrison 7 — McPhee 6, McMillan 7, Davidson 6, I. Roadhouse 7 — Azzopardi 7, Hennessy 8, Hughes 7 (Keenan 70th). — Lawler 5, A'Humble 6. Coach: Tom Newbigin (caretaker).
ALBION TURK GUCU: Bryden 7 — McIlroy 6, Picoane 7, Gilmore 7, Douglas 7 — Bennett 8, Price 6, Robertson 5 — T. Latif 5, Umit 6, Patsaman 6. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Reilly (Albion), 2. Hennessy (Box Hill), 1. Bennett (Albion).

THOMASTOWN 1 (Temos penalty 54th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Nyholt 30th) at Partridge Reserve, Sunday.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 7 — Di Berardino 7, Cosentino 8, Arcoraci 8, N. Constantinou 7 — Alzici 6, B. Coyte 7, Carfora 6 — Flaherty 6 (Di Martino 85th), Beller 6, Temos 7 (Franceschi 80th). Coach: Joe Wilson.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Kasimas 7 — Haupt 7, Murray 7, Corke 8, Wemyss 7 — M. Bakker 7, Shannon 7, Burton 8 — Nyholt 7, Storm 7, Kebede 6. Coach: Cor Teuw.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Arcoraci (T), 2. Corke (RW), 1. Burton (RW).

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 NORTHCOTE 2 (Patsakos 47th, 78th) at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Apostolides 5 — Beattie 7, Esposito 7, Dimovski 6, Howe 7 — K. Coyte 7, Hamill 6, Palmariotti 7 — Tuck 7, Stenson 6, McGuinness 8. Coach: Jimmy Condoles.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Kouremenos 6, Cutler 7, Boliks 7, J. Constantinou 7 — Toro 7, Wilson 8, Artis 7 — Patsakos 8, P. Constantinou 7, Parinotti 7. Coach: Jimmy Pergolios.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Patsakos (N), 2. McGuinness (WS), 1. Wilson (N).

SCHIPANO BEST PLAYER AWARD

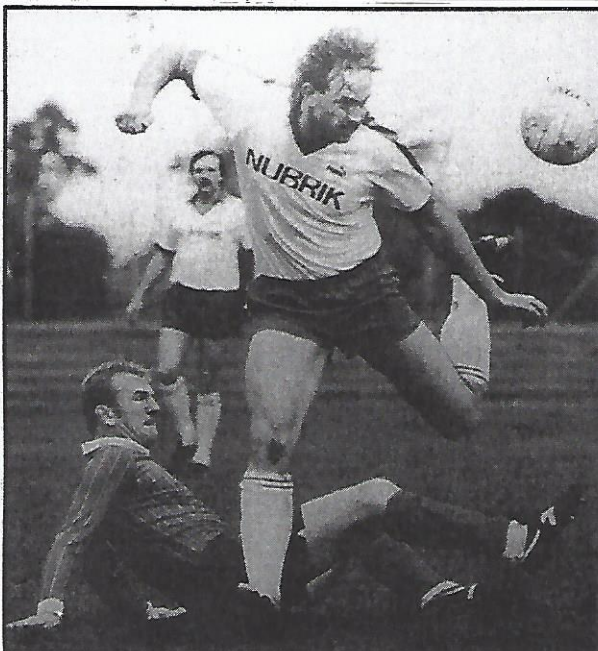
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- Leading votegeters:
23 — Webster (Pines), Cosentino (Thomastown)
22 — Adams (Springvale)
18 — Livingstone (Croydon), Bissinger (Knox), Culina (Dinamo)
17 — Hughes (Box Hill), MacLean (Morwell)
16 — Gibson (Polonia)
14 — McGuinness, Esposito (Suburbs), Haupt (Wilhelmina)
13 — Beech (Croydon), Cooke (Pines), Wilson (Northcote), Burton (Wilhelmina)
12 — Dimovski (Suburbs)
11 — McMillan (Box Hill), Boyle (Fawkner), Bannan (Springvale), Arcoraci (Thomastown)
10 — Reilly (Albion), Harrison (Box Hill), Quigley (Fawkner), Athersych (Morwell), Stenson (Suburbs).

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- Leading scorers:
16 — French (Croydon), Thomas (Pines)
15 — Athersych (Morwell)
13 — A Humble (Box Hill)
11 — Warszawski (Polonia), McGuinness (Suburbs)
10 — P. Constantinou (Northcote)
9 — Webster (Pines)
8 — Cozella (Fawkner), Sirtion (Morwell), Patsakos (Northcote), Morovic (Dinamo), Lakic (Polonia)
7 — Flaherty (Thomastown)
6 — Nelson (Springvale), Culina (Dinamo), Nyholt



Polonia's Kevin Innes evades this sliding tackle by Springvale's John Luyten and heads goalwards during Saturday's clash at Ross Reserve. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Vrzina: we won't go down

Dinamo 2
F. Pines 1

Scorers: T-O Kuna 43rd, 2-0 Morovic 74th, 2-1 Thomas 80th pen.

Venue: Churchill Reserve.

"Frankston Pines is a better side than us but we showed a lot of character to hang on and win these important two points," said Dinamo coach Tony Vrzina after the match.

"Pines started well and put a lot of pressure on us for the first 20 minutes and then we had a soft penalty awarded against us which stuffed us up. It was never a penalty because if anything their player pushed one of ours.

"After that we must have gone through the longest 10 minutes of the season.

"But having hung on for the win, I am confident we can go on to avoid relegation.

In this match Dinamo scored two good goals after taking the biggest buffeting of the season in the opening exchanges.

That opening spell of pressure saw Stan Webster force Mate Grgic into a fine save with a wicked shot from 30 metres in the 11th minute. Paul Cooke hit the bar two minutes later, a John Luyten shot which Grgic also managed to save in spite of a deflection off the foot of a defender, and then Danny Ramljak clearing off the goal line in a goalmouth melee following a corner kick from the right.

But that good start may have been Pines' undoing.

"We thought it was as good as over that opening spell, relaxed too much — we didn't play well at all after that," Pines striker Webster said after the game.

The Dinamo revival started

7-0 triumph for Doka

DOXA 7, J. Gambin 4, J. Gritty 2, E. Kubilay 1. INTERCITY 0. Industrial League's Invitation Cup, quarter-final, Sunday.

DOXA: J. Farrugia, P. Cutajar, D. Borg, A. Secco, M. Gatt, J. Grech, E. Kubilay (D. Balasov), G. Roberts (J. Gritty), J. Gambin, G. Grech, T. Wheatley.

Doka reserves have won this cup for the past three years and are looming as likely winners again. Intercity, top of the Second Division reserves league, was expected to provide Doka with stiff opposition

in the 21st minute with Dennis Morovic's header being turned away for a corner and Ante Kustura later missed a sitter, heading over from the edge of the six yard box when it would have been easier to score following a cross from Sveto Rastocic.

The breakthrough finally came two minutes before half time with Branko Culina's cross eluding the Pines defenders and falling nicely for Darko Kuna to head in at the far post.

Kuna should have added to the score in the 72nd minute when Morovic pushed the ball wide but the striker, instead of steyding and placing his shot blasted the ball wide hastily, without even looking up.

Morovic showed Kuna how it should be done in the 74th minute intercepting a back-pass then squeezing the ball past the advancing keeper and just inside the far side of the goal.

NUNAWADING CITY 2 (Middlemast penalty 16th, Groenwald 37th). KEW PARK RANGERS 2 (Conway penalty 15th, Spencer 45th). Victorian

First Division match at Mahoneys Reserve, Saturday.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madjar, Brown, Deane (Nellis 58th), Remmers, Moyle, Mul-

lett, Groenwald, Pappas (Chiaravall 65th), Roggers, Middlemast, Pote.

KEW PARK RANGERS: Green, Conway, Wilkinson, Kresvan, Phillips, Pappas, Parsons, Spencer, Fox, Houston (Wild 85th), Henderson.

Kew Park Rangers gained a valuable point in their fight for Division One survival when they shared four first half goals on a glue-pot of a pitch.

Nunawading's defence was disorganised when Deane was injured in the first minute and although coming back onto the ground, he had to be replaced in the 8th minute.

Two dubious penalties inside a minute were awarded, one to each side. Conway scored for

Just as a scoreless first half looked likely, Broadmeadows pushed forward. A mass of players contested the ball in Melbourne's area and a sudden short saw Barbas do well to push it onto the bar. Perkins though pounced on the rebound to head the ball into the net for what proved to be the winner.

Nth Geelong and Eltham split the points in a spiteful game at Home Reserve.

Ante Blavner was sent off in the 31st minute and by the time he had been substituted whatever dispute he was involved in Wallace also received his marching orders seven minutes from time.

Few scoring chances were created by either side and Eltham failed to use its numerical superiority to any ad-

The penalty decision against Dinamo came five minutes later and referee Bernie Ujohin was in no doubt that Webster was pushed in the area.

Ray Thomas took the spot-kick and duly converted but the goal was disallowed because of encroaching by Ally Dick who was booked for the offence. Thomas kept his cool however and made no mistake with his second spotkick to make the score 2-1.

Pines threw caution to the wind from then on and came close to getting an equaliser first when Graham Watson connected with a John Cumming centre but shooting narrowly wide and then with Webster hitting a shot which was blocked before it crossed the goal line.

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It was Nelson who handled!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Springvale 0

Polonia 0

Venue: Ross Reserve.

Jim Nelson had a chuckle to himself in the Springvale dressing room after this match, knowing full well that he had got away with punching the ball off his own goal line during a controversial incident in the 86th minute.

The ball had bobbed back and forth about a metre off the line then threatened to go over Nelson's head when he punched it out. But it only went a couple of metres forward and Polonia stopper Kevin Innes headed in.

The referee gave a goal but Springvale players drew his attention to the linesman with his flag held high. After consulting the linesman, the referee awarded a free kick to Springvale and after the match, in the referee's changing rooms, I was told that it was awarded because a Polonia player had handled the ball!

Polonia fans were livid. So was club official Wally Klain who made sure that his feelings were known.

But that incident wasn't the end of the drama for in the final minute Springvale substituted a player from Dinteren who was in the Polonia area yet play was waved on.

The ball had been knocked wide to van Dinteren on the left and he'd done really well to get into the Polonia area. Just as he checked back inside an opponent, he was tripped. Blatantly. Clearly, in full view of everyone. Well, almost everyone.

It certainly made for interesting conversation in the social rooms after the match and while I've left the game behind for a moment I'd like to recount the opening part of a conversation I heard between Springvale coach Bobby McLachlan and a guy from the Polonia camp.

McLachlan said hello to this guy who responded, not in a spiteful way, more matter-of-factly than anything else, by telling McLachlan that Springvale was a really bad team. I had to grab hold of the edge of the bar to stay on my feet and I wasn't drinking at the time either.

McLachlan took it all in his stride but it made me think about how bloody discourteous some people are. What annoyed me was that the guy in question is a novice in terms of State League coaching, although, knowing a couple of the teams he's coached, I guess he's well-qualified to discuss what coaching bad teams is all about. This guy well could have a big future in coaching but when I thought

about the success McLachlan has had and looked at the results this guy achieved over the leagues, admittedly with clubs with limited, if any, resources, I felt that he was way out of line. In fact, as I'm writing this, I still can't come to terms with the cheek of this guy.

The reality of this game was that the final scoreline read 0-0.

That was because Perry Mur had a superb reflex save to deny Greg Warzawski and because Hugh Campbell missed an absolute sitter. Ged Bannan almost opened the scoring in the 24th minute with a glancing header which struck the post and two minutes later a fine inter-passing move involving Warzawski, Slobodan Stojewski and Leszek Gregorczuk ended with a shot from Gregorczuk which slipped just wide of the far post.

McLachlan, as he's been doing for a few weeks now, as signed man marking duties to Martin Vogel, John Luyten and Tom Fitzpatrick. Vogel tagged Warzawski, Luyten was marking Billy Auld and Fitzpatrick picked up Gregorczuk.

In the 30th minute Rick Lipiarski shrugged off a challenge down the right and Gregorczuk headed with a firm but straight at Mur.

Early in the second half, Polonia struck but the goal was chalked off, the ref ruling that Auld had pulled Mur away in the 56th minute came that bad Campbell miss.

Big Luyten burst forward and tried to pick out Campbell with a through ball. A Polonia defender intercepted but only succeeded in lobbing the ball into the air. Nelson headed on to Campbell who was in a one-on-one situation with Leszek Zankowski but blew it by knocking the ball wide from six metres.

In the 61st minute, the Springvale goalmouth was riddled with players huddled together in scrum-like fashion with Mur trying to throw himself on the ball. Finally he succeeded but it was a let-off for the Pines.

In the 67th minute, Auld got in a fine turn and played the ball inside to Warzawski whose well struck shot from 10 metres forced Mur into that great reflex save.

The next action of note was the Nelson handling incident and seconds after turning down low Springvale appeals for a penalty following van Dinteren being downed, the ref signalled full time.

And Polonia's top four hopes had been dented again. Polonia's Polak remains one of the more skilful sides I've seen in 1985.

Kew and then Middlemist equalised.

Nunawading took the lead in the 37th minute. Moyle sent a left wing free kick deep into the area, Middlemist rose high to head on and Groenwald, at the far post, volleyed past the helpless Green.

On the stroke of half time, Kew equalised with a soft goal. An attack had been created in the midfield where Kresvan lobbed over the advancing defence. The ball appeared to be in Madjar's safe keeping, but he lost the ball and it fell at Spencer's feet. He was left with the simple task of tapping in.

No goals were added in the second half, although Moyle and Rogger had the ball in the net, but were ruled offside.

Peter Wilson seals it

Kearney latched on to a Howie Mercer corner kick and headed the top corner of the Mordiallo goal, giving Dave Gilbert no chance.

Altona's glory was short-lived as three minutes later, Jimmy Milne hit the bar and two minutes after that Papoulidis equalised with a header from four metres.

Altona's pressure was rewarded in the 75th minute when Kearney put a perfectly timed pass through to Mercer who in turn squared the ball across the goal to the incoming Ray Hands who made no mistake from close range.

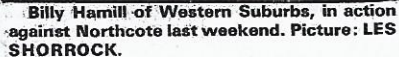
Altona continued to pressure and eventually when Peter Wilson latched on to a loose ball in the six yard box and

Altona City 3 (Kearney 20th, Hands 75th, Wilson 85th) SOUTH MELBOURNE MORDIALLO 1 (Papoulidis 25th). Victorian Second Division match at Kim Reserve, Saturday.

ALTONA CITY: Memishi 8, Leonard 9, Wilson 7, Pisan 6, Oates 8, Dardavoss 7, Mercer 8, Hamill 8, Doward 7, Kearney 5, Hands 7. Coach: Frank Campbell.

Altona City continued on its winning way when it ran out a convincing 3-1 winner over league leader South Melbourne Mordiallo. The game was played at a very fast pace and a very keen spirit from both

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Scorer: Hennessy 80th.
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Two minutes later Bennett crossed from the right. Umit was at the near post and missed with what could have been a crucial glancing header and



task a bit too much here. Garvey probably will partner Jim Neilson up front while Bentley is certain to return to

The Hillmen's defence will be strengthened by Alan Rodhouse's return from suspension giving caretaker coach Tom Newbiggin the option of using Ian Rodhouse either at right back or in midfield.

second placed Morwell Falcons. If I'm right, and Croydon beats Springvale, then surely Croydon's six-point lead would be insurmountable.

Fawkner v BOX HILL at
Smith Reserve, 3pm.

By JOHN WALLACE

Then there was Alan Kerr who gave stick, took it and made good use of the ball together with the fast and often subtle probing of Alex Livingston and Steve Beech-

Mike Edwards (in for Bill Whiteside away on business) had to stretch a bit in the second half, palming away awkward corners from Norrie Pate, as Knox tried to lift the ball over goalkeeper Gordon

By KYLE PATTERSON

Coach Mike Bevis joined the club this season after being associated with Middle Park, South Yarra and now-defunct Frankston City. He no doubt would be happy to sing the praises of his players, but Arok has been pestered enough lately. But in case "Davo" is unavailable, there is a Scottish chap who could be naturalised in a flash and who overlaps like a demon and who...

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It wasn't until the 35th minute when Janic slotted

ball to Diamantaris who beat two defenders and crossed to Sakaleros who headed in a timely equaliser.

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ice in the first half
and in Argentina's
nary round match.

Polonia war ops Bankstown and Uruguay

Fairy Meadow lost a valuable point at Narrabeen as did Sutherland at home to Kuringai as well as Canterbury to Rockdale whilst Melita Eagles returned to the winning circle by beating Manly Warringah 3-0.

This has done little to change the situation at the top.

Sutherland 0 Ku-Ring-Gai 0

At Seymour Shaw
The home side failed to avenge its 3-0 defeat at the hands of Kuringai earlier in the season despite playing with three up front.

For those who might think that this was a dull affair, Paul Goodwin reports otherwise:

An entertaining game with both sides failing to take advantage of some good opportunities. Maybe the best of these came to Mark Harrington when a back pass by Lee Sutherland found its way to the feet of Harrington who had an open goal but misdirected his kick, missing the goal post by metres!

For Kuringai the best chance fell to Craig Bass who managed to round Burrows then face Burmore before placing his shot (more of a back pass) straight at the keeper.

Burmore saved Sutherland.

Skypack State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAIRY MEADOW	12	4	2	24	10	28
CANTERBURY	10	5	3	35	17	25
MELITA EAGLES	10	4	4	34	16	24
SUTHERLAND	9	6	3	31	13	24
Ku-Ring-Gai	7	6	4	22	16	20
Avala	7	6	5	22	16	20
Rockdale Ilind	6	6	5	23	15	18
Manly Warr	4	7	7	15	20	15
Polonia	5	2	11	26	44	12
Narrabeen	2	7	9	14	35	11
Uruguay	1	6	10	9	27	8
Bankstown	2	3	12	11	37	7

LEADING SCORERS

10-Ross Brown (RI), Donn Allan (ME).
9-A. Pop (P).
7-Janic (P), Downis, Borges, Kirwan (CM), Walker (ME).
6-Anagnostopoulos (CM), Vial (ME), Gray (S), Carney (A).
5-Fontana (FM), Sutherland (K), DalForno, Beggs (S).
4-Bratkovic (P), Jevremovic (A), Silva (CM), Lowbray, Morlando (FM), Campbell (MW), Hasty, O'Shaughnessy (U).
POLONIA 5 (Pop 30th, 45th, Janic 50th, 84th, Bratkovic 85th) URUGUAY 1 (Hasty 88th) at Chopin Park.

POLONIA: Anderson 8 - Cou 7, Vujinovic 7 (Collusso 46th 7), Lasek 6 (Kodor 75th), Geeke 7 - Mahamah 7, Sobczyk 8, Dryz 8 - Janic 8, Pop 9, Bratkovic 7.
URUGUAY: Rosano 5 - Perez 7, Hasty 7, Krslovic 6, Folladoso 5 (Cuba - Estravillo 7, Arabelo 6, Fernandez 6 - Benales 5, Rodas 5 (O'Shaughnessy), Benitez 5).

NARRABEEN 1 (Van Helden 5th) FAIRY MEADOW 1 (Gerardi 34th) at Narrabeen.

NARRABEEN: P Dean 6 - Hanley 6, Watt 8, Parfitt 7, Jones 7 - Griffin 6, Collinge 6, A Dean 7 - Van Helden 6, Sandner 6 (Palanara 74th), Macinovic 7.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young 6 - Chibly 8, Jones 7, Beringer 8, Morlando 7 - Piel 6, Mowbray 7, Bradley 6 (Baker 70th), Richardson 8 - Gerardi 7, Fontana 6.

MELITA EAGLES 3 (Vial 27th, 44th, Walker 48th) MANLY 0 at Melita Stadium.

MELITA: Mullen 7 - Laing 9, Stead 7, McCoy 8, McAusland 8 - Farrugia 8, Vial 7, Griffiths 8 - Walker 7, Allan 7, Callinan 6.
MANLY WARRINGAH: Barker 7 - Juergens 8, Dick 7, Gogic 6, 7, Etherington 6, Gebrail 5 - Williamson 5, Holloway 6 (Vale 70th), Baumgartner 6.

NARRABEEN 0 MANLY WARRINGAH 0 at Narrabeen.

NARRABEEN: P Dean 6 - Hanley 7, Watt 7, Parfitt 7, Jones 7 - Griffin 6, Silva 5 (Macinovic 80th), Collinge 5, A Dean 7 - Van Helden 6, Sandner 5 (Friend 85th).

MANLY WARRINGAH: Barker 7 - Juergens 8, Dick 7, Gogic 6, Dennis 6, Pagano 6, Etherington 7, Jebrael 6 (Davison 75th) - Holloway 6, Williamson 6, Baumgartner 6.

BANKSTOWN 1 (Vujinovic 55th) POLONIA 4 (Bratkovic 4th, Sobczyk 40th, Dryz 57th, Pop 89th) at Jensen Park.

BANKSTOWN: Smith 5 - Hatten 6, Nocera 5, Popovic 8, Rajab 6 - Antonopoulos 5, Lahoud (Meerball 22nd 7), Apelin 6 - Hassan 6, Alam 5, Hussain 5.

POLONIA: Anderson 7 - Chau 7, Lasek 6, Vujinovic 6, Geeke 7, Dryz 8, Sobczyk 8, Mahamah 7, (Collusso 81st) - Janic 7, Pop 7, Bratkovic 7 (Kodor 77th).

SUTHERLAND 0 KURINGAI 0 at Seymour Shaw Park.

SUTHERLAND: Burmore 8 - Schumann 8, Burrows 6, DalForno 8, Terry 7 - Johnson 6 (59th Groomer 7), Rogers 6, Harrington 7 (87th Meade) - Hall 7, Beggs 6, Gray 6.

KURINGAI: Lacey 7 - Keven 7, Bertram 8, Watson 7, Goldsworthy 7 - Bennett 6, Quigley 6, Sutherland 6, Brockbank 7 - Bass 7, Nile 6 (77th Williamson).

CANTERBURY 0 ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 at Arling Oval.

CANTERBURY: Hummell 8 - Karaspiros 6, Radman 8, Pena 8, Hantzis 7 - Hormazabal 6 (Kalogeros 70th), Ortega 8, Anagnostopoulos 7, Borges 7 - Kirwan 6, Rogers 7 - J Wilson 7, Pilevski 7, Forester 8, Blackburn 7 - O Wilson 6, Papas 6, Slavski 7, Paleganas 8 - Brown 5, Bootes 5 (Risteki).

AVALA 2 (Carney 26th, 80th) BANKSTOWN 0 at Knight Park.

AVALA: Vukas 7 - Jordan 7, Pratt 7, Atlagic 8, Divani 7 - Tracey 6, Murray 7, Anderson 5, Carter 7, Lacey 5, Carney 6.

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC



land close to the end after Neale Williamson found Brockbank who shot from close range but the ball bounced off Burmore's chest to safety.

Bankstown 1 Polonia 4

At Jensen Park.
Scorers: Bratkovic 4th, Sobczyk 40th, Dryz 57th, Pop 89th, Vujinovic 55th.

Nicky Bratkovic scored his third goal for Polonia since joining the club eight weeks ago to pave the way for an easy victory. A corner by Sobczyk was headed down by Pop and Bratkovic scored with an acrobatic overhead scissors kick after only four minutes.

Following Lahoud's replacement by Meerballi Bankstown came back into the match but Polonia held out until a freakish goal by Sobczyk flattened the home side. Bratkovic was brought down close to the halfway line. Sobczyk took the free kick, attempting to float it to the far post but misdirected, giving Smith what looked like an easy save. Smith came out too far, misjudged the flight of the ball and it went over his hands and into the net!

However 10 minutes into the second half, Grogan Vujinovic collected a short pass from Lasek then lobbed his own keeper attempting to backpass!

But Polonia struck back immediately. Janic beat Rajab to find Andrej Pop who pushed a through ball for Bratkovic on the left. The speedy winger unleashed a powerful left foot drive which Smith could not hold and Jurek Dryz raced in to score.

Janic missed a sitter in the 83rd but made amends with a great drive in the 88th only to see his shot rebound off the crossbar to Pop who slotted it into an empty net.

Polonia 5 Uruguay 1

At Chopin Park.
Scorers: Pop 30th, 48th, Janic 55th, 84th, Bratkovic 85th (P), Hasty 88th (U).

Slowly but surely the Polish combination of Dryz and Sobczyk took over and Polonia hit the front. Carlos Rosano spilled a high cross and Pop was close enough to take advantage of the situation and put his side in front.

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Remaining games favor Meadow

Four rounds remain in the 1985 NSW State League with Fairy Meadow three points clear of Canterbury and four ahead of Melita and Sutherland. Most are prepared to concede that Meadow will take out the title.

Let's look at the draw for the top sides in the last four rounds:

FAIRY MEADOW: v Polonia (h), Avala (a), Uruguay (h), Bankstown (a).

CANTERBURY v Bankstown (a), Sutherland (a), Melita (h), Narrabeen (a).

MELITA EAGLES: v Kuringai (a), Rockdale (h), Canterbury (a), Sutherland (h).

SUTHERLAND: v Rockdale (a), Canterbury (h), Bankstown (a), Melita Eagles (a).

This draw suggests that a minor miracle is needed for the South Coast outfit to fall by the wayside.

At the foot of the table it now seems clear that either Bankstown or Uruguay will be relegated.

Kuringai plays Melita Eagles at Parklands this Sunday. History favors Melita, but the home side is tough indeed, particularly at Parklands. Kuringai faltered against Bankstown recently but has a very strong defensive line-up, in fact strong enough to take at least a point against highly fancied Melita.

Fairy Meadow should have a battle on its hands against a very competitive Polonia but I think that Polonia's run of three wins will come to an end at Corral on Sunday.

Rockdale entertains Sutherland on Saturday at Hurstville in what promises to be a very tough match. Ilinden still has a slim chance of getting into the top four, while Sutherland must make sure of its spot by taking at least a point. A draw looks the most likely result.

Uruguay clashes with Avala on Saturday at Mona Park and must take at least a point to keep abreast of Bankstown. For Avala, out of the running for the top four, this is not going to be a match it desperately would want to win.

Manly and Narrabeen will engage in their second clash in the last seven days. Manly should have the edge. This weekend's matches:

SATURDAY
Rockdale Ilinden v Sutherland at Hurstville.
Uruguay v Avala at Mona Park.

SUNDAY
Fairy Meadow v Polonia at Memorial Park.
Manly Warringah v Narrabeen at Cromer Park.

Overseas round-up with PAUL MOON

Brazilian international Paulo Roberto Falcao last week lost his battle to force Roma to honor his contract after its cancellation by club president Dino Viola last month.

A meeting of the disciplinary committee of the Italian League ruled that Falcao's three-year contract, signed on August 16, 1984, ended with his dismissal by Viola on July 2 and was justified on the grounds of serious and proved breach of contract.

Roma based its request on the fact Falcao had been inactive for more than six months and that he had refused to submit to a medical examination.

Falcao's troubles began when he injured his left knee in a match last November and was out of action for most of last season.

He underwent surgery in the United States but Viola, which remained unconvinced the knee was cured, asked the Brazilian to return to Italy for an examination.

That request was made in March when Falcao was convalescing in Brazil and he finally returned to Italy in mid-May, saying he was fully recovered.

Falcao then had another examination in the presence of the surgeon who had operated

Roma wins battle with Falcao; Osman to Leicester City

on him in the U.S. but his claims that the Roma club doctor also was present have been disputed by Viola.

At the end of June, Viola made a formal request to Falcao to undergo an examination, and the dismissal notice was issued shortly afterwards when he failed to do so.

Falcao refused to accept the notice and said he would not leave the club without payment for the forthcoming season. Roma contested this and, in addition, said it wanted to pay only part of last season's salary.

Christoforo Colombo, one of the three lawyers who represented Falcao at the hearing, called the committee's decision unjust.

"We think this is an injustice for a soccer player who has done everything to be a serious professional. But even through injustice, justice is done. This scandal will not remain unpunished."

David Cooper has signed

a new three year contract for Glasgow Rangers. His signing brought to an end the wrangle which has been going on since the end of the season between the Scottish international winger and the club. Cooper, now 29, sees certain now to end his career in the famous Rangers colors. He will be a key player in the Scottish line-up to meet Wales in the crucial World Cup tie at Cardiff early in September.

Lawrie McMenamy has been summoned by the English F.A. to explain Sunderland's poor disciplinary record last season - when he was manager of Southampton. Relegated Sunderland, the beaten Milk Cup finalist, is among 10 clubs facing disciplinary action. The manager and one director will appear to explain their club's misconduct record, and in McMenamy's case he will be making an unexpected appearance in front of the soccer judges.

Cyril Regis, the Coventry striker, is poised to sign for Dutch First Division side PSV Eindhoven for \$450,000, while Alan Davies, the Manchester United left winger who was unable to cement a regular first team spot, looks certain to join Newcastle United.

The Southeast Asian Games Federation Council last week approved the inclusion of women's soccer at the 13th SEA games in Bangkok in December. A spokesman said the council also approved Indonesia's offer to host the 14th games in Jakarta in 1987.

Mexican international striker Hugo Sanchez has moved across Madrid, leaving Atletico for Real, in a surprise transfer. Sanchez was the Spanish First Division's leading scorer last season.

The English FA has responded most penalties imposed upon Luton Town and Millwall following crowd trouble at their FA Cup game last season.

The dates for the South American Zone World Cup

Qualifying Round plays off are:

October 27: Paraguay v Colombia, Chile v Peru

November 3: Colombia v Paraguay, Peru v Chile

November 10: First leg tie between two winners

November 17: Second leg tie between two winners

Two new clubs have been formed to replace the disbanded CSKA and Levski Spartak in Bulgaria. Synek and Vitoshka will represent areas of Sofia, not the army and police as their predecessors did.

Highly rated goalkeeper Chris Turner, star of Sunderland's run to the Milk Cup Final in England last season, has joined Manchester United.

Sponsorship of the Skol Cup (formerly Scottish League Cup) has been increased to \$500,000 over the next two seasons.

The transfer fee Everton must pay Leicester City for acquiring the services of England international striker Gary Lineker was ruled by a tribunal at \$1,600,000.

An 80,000 crowd at Seoul's Olympic Stadium saw South Korea beat Indonesia 2-0 in the first leg of their Asian Zone World Cup Qualifying Series tie. Byun Byung Ju and Kim Yong Se scored the goals.

Tunisia beat Nigeria 2-0 at Tunis to gain a 2-1 victory on aggregate in the third round of the African Zone World Cup Qualifying Series. Mohammed Gajid grabbed both goals.

Former England international defender Russell Osman has left Ipswich Town for Leicester City in a \$400,000 transfer.

The United Arab Emirates' hopes of qualifying for the World Cup Finals received a stunning blow when their star striker, Adnan Talyani, died during an operation on his injured knee in Brazil.

Womens' soccer booms in NSW

The 1985 NSW women's State League has proved so successful that its format will be greatly improved for 1986.

This year six major clubs, Forrest Rangers (St George), Killarney (Manly-Warringah), Epping-Eastwood (Gladesville-Hornsby), Holroyd (Holroyd), and Seven Hills A and B (Blacktown) have provided for the State's top competition.

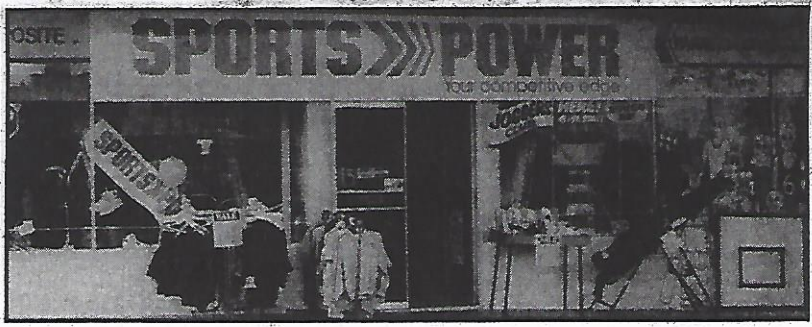
All matches have been centred on one main ground each week, but plans are in place for changes to be made for next season.

There will be a first and reserve grade competition, with the reserves designed to cater for the best of the younger players coming through the ranks. In addition, matches will be decentralised.

Discussions have taken place with Sutherland Shire Soccer Association and as a result the highly successful Grays Point Club is expected to represent that major area in the main competition.

There are a few other high quality teams from different districts which could also come in to boost the competition.

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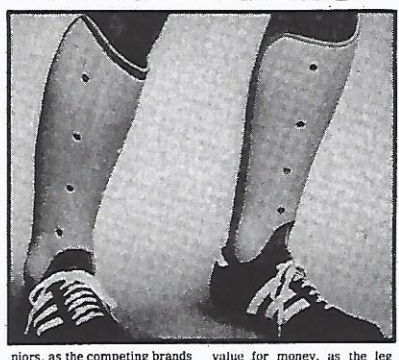


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GREAT STUFF, RAMBO

IR — Well, actually I should say: it's 'Rambo'.

was really exciting to hear of your joits on the battlefield of Kim Re last year, when those ruthless na City players were more inter- in breaking your young team- legs rather than going for the

hen, afterwards, when you were ping out of your dressing room one those vicious Atlanta players swung you and you flattened him — in self-ence of course!

hen that idiot of a supporter came of the bar with a glass and swung it front of your face and you knocked it out. It was so exciting, wasn't it? 'm sure that every man and his dog o has ever kicked a ball has a story some wild incident somewhere in the track.

'm equally sure that the readers of 'occer Action' would rather read ut Costa Theodosopoulos, that tal- ed young Greek soccer player who s the potential to play for anyone i.e. t-Hellas, Heidelberg, even Austr- a, who is developing his skills with lbournie and rather than his macho plots for Melbourne.

You will get no points from me or ybody else for criticising my play- s' club or anyone else's club for that atter. Take a tip from an old pro: ut up and get on with the game.

— FRANK CAMPBELL, Atlanta City coach.

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Steve Beech sat down one day and worked out that during his seven-year stay at Preston Makedonia, from 1976 to 1982, the club signed 76 players and 10 coaches.

Makedonia is much more stable now and that stability, according to Beech, came when Peter Ollerton coached the team for three seasons.

The Beech-Ollerton relationship continues in the Victorian State League. Ollerton coaches Croynod and with Beech in midfield the club is poised to win the championship.

Beech has been there and done that but he's far from knee about the title which is within Croynod's grasp. Beech played in the Makedonia side which won the 1980 State League championship.

"From my first training session with Croynod I thought that we could win the championship. It's a bit dangerous, I guess, talking like that because it's not decided yet but I'm very, very confident that we'll do it," said Beech.

"I had a look at the other lads around me and I just knew that the side had enough quality to have a real go for the championship."

Beech should know. He played in State League last year with Frankston Pines — his second season with the Monterey Reserve side — so he's well qualified to weigh up the standard of opposition.

Beech, 33 was born in Manchester, England. He played in the Manchester League and represented Lancashire boys a couple of times. It was through a friend of his at Makedonia, Geoff Grannon, that Beech and Geoff Daniels arrived in Australia to join the club in 1976. Makedonia just had won promotion to State League and finished 7th that season. It finished 10th in 1977, 2nd in 1978, 3rd in 1979 and, of course, won the title in 1980.

Makedonia then entered the National League but as Beech was to find out in 1982, loyalty — that rare commodity among players — rarely is repaid by clubs. Maybe it's the reticence of clubs to reciprocate that makes players' loyalty so rare.

Beech-Ollerton combination triumphs again

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

"I was loyal to Makedonia and from time to time I still see the boys who used to be there. You know, there are a hell of a lot of ex-Makedonia players about, in fact you'd put a fair side together from them," said Beech.

"But the loyalty I'd shown the club didn't mean much when I was listed in 1982. I was in pretty good company because Robbie Cullen, Peter Boyle and Micky McInerney were transfer-listed as well."

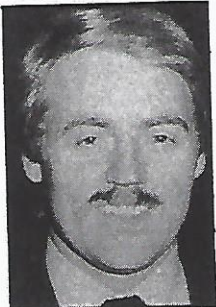
"Makedonia's reserves were in danger of being relegated from the Metropolitan Second Division and I had a word with the reserves coach, Frank McAleer, and decided to stay to help out the club. It was one of those situations where the club said that it would be reasonable about my transfer fee at the end of the season if I helped out."

"So they put \$7,000 on my head at the end of 1982!"

That figure was reduced, by negotiation, to \$2,500, and Beech joined Frankston Pines for the 1983 season. Pines won promotion to State League that year and Beech won the club's best and fairest award. He also won club awards at Makedonia.

"I wish you hadn't asked me about that because it's a bit embarrassing. I won the most improved player award at Makedonia three times."

Beech was impressed with the set-up at Pines and with the positive attitude of former president John Hodgson. These were the main factors which swayed him to



Peter Ollerton

join the club. So why did he leave earlier this year to become one of eight new players at Croynod?

"Well I didn't drive and always relied on getting lifts to training and games with Pines and I'd just moved into a new house in Ringwood. Actually, I was thinking about giving the game away altogether when Ollie (Peter Ollerton) got in touch with me. He certainly had nothing to do with the money for I've never had any complaints about the way Pines treated me. And it had nothing to do with the possibility of a major transfer. It was just a hell of a lot more convenient for me to play with Croynod."

The other new players at Croynod this year are Billy White-

side (from Morwell Falcons), Jim O'Reilly (from Sunshine-George Cross), Jim Tansey and Kenny Taylor (from Footscray J.U.S.T.), Matt McDonald (from Doveton), Davie Brogan (from Melbourne Croatia) and Ollerton (from Makedonia).

Incidentally, Whiteside played in the Falcons side which won the State League championship last year and there can't be many goalkeepers around who have won consecutive State League titles with different teams, provided, of course, that Croynod clinches this year's championship.

But back to Beech, who has some important points to make about imported players.

"It can take a lot of time to settle in over here. Take Ray Thomas at Pines for example. Ray came over here last year with a big reputation as a goalscorer but had an ordinary season. But look at what he's done this year. He's a perfect example of what I'm saying."

"Okay, so Croynod got a lot of new players and often it can take time to settle in well together but the big thing about every new player at Croynod is that they all had been playing here for a while and they all knew what to expect. It might have been a different matter had two or three of the new players come from overseas."

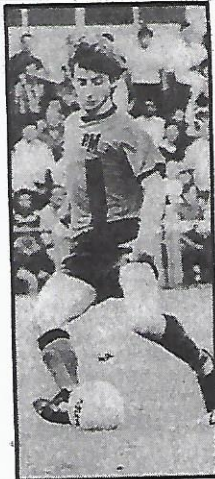
And has Beech seen any changes in the State League standard in the past 10 seasons?

"Certainly. I think the standard has dropped. It's more of a battle now rather than a game of soccer. There's a lot more pressure in terms of running."

And should Croynod win the title, then win an NSL berth, will Beech be back in the big time?

"I really don't know. It's something I'd have to give a lot of thought to. That's if the club would want to keep me and at my age I'd want to feel that I'd still be getting my game. That's very important. I want to keep playing and if I can't play in the National League then I'll play elsewhere. The big drawback about playing in the National League is the four night a week training requirement."

Not to mention the rigors of



Steve Beech

playing in midfield. When Beech joined Croynod he thought that he'd be vying for the left back spot and Jim Tansey would be sweeper, however Davie Singleton has made the sweeper's role his own with Tansey moving across to left back. Beech has been playing in midfield and playing well, which is particularly pleasing for he remembers how one soccer scribe described one of his first midfield appearances with Makedonia.

"It was written up in the papers that I definitely wasn't a mid-fielder."

The highs of Beech's career in Australia have been winning the Victorian State League championship and the Victorian Cup, both in 1980. The low was when he left Makedonia.

Now he's set for a second State League title. Before last weekend's round, Croynod had a five point lead on the league ladder with eight games to go.

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La settimana calcistica ha visto una intensa attivita internazionale del calcio australiano, dalla nazionale maggiore ai "pulcini" della U/16 e, tutto sommato, ha confermato che i Socceroos di tutte le eta stanno facendo breccia sulla scena mondiale.

La nota piu' bella e' fornita dalla U/16 che sta prendendo parte alla Coppa del Mondo in Cina e nella quale figurano due ragazzi italo-australiani del Victoria: il portiere Corrado Nobile del Fawkner e l'attaccante Paul Trimboli del Brighton.

I giovanissimi Socceroos si sono qualificati per i quarti di finale a punteggio pieno (unica squadra del torneo a vincere tutti gli incontri), prendendosi il lusso di battere i coetanei di nazioni calcisticamente grandi come Argentina e Germania Occidentale.

Le altre sette squadre qualificate per i quarti di finale sono Cina, Germania Occidentale, Guinea (prossima avversaria dell'Australia), Arabia Saudita, Brasile, Ungheria e Nigeria. Fra le squadre eliminate, Italia, Messico, Argentina.

I ragazzi in verdeoro dovrebbero apparire senza troppe difficoltà alla Guinea e trovarsi così in semifinale con la vincitrice di Ungheria-Nigeria.

Qualunque l'esito finale del torneo, per l'Australia essere arrivata fra le prime otto nazioni del mondo e' un risultato eccezionale. Per ragazzi di 16 anni, competere all'estero in un "campionato mondiale" di qualsiasi sport e' un sogno che solo poche discipline sportive possono far diventare realta' e ci auguriamo che chi di competenza metta bene in risalto questo fattore nel promuovere lo sport della palla rotonda e che i responsabili delle varie federazioni nazionali si decidano una volta per tutte a spendere piu' soldi e tempo per dare la "chance" ai ragazzini di casa invece di ricorrere al piu' semplice expediente di far arrivare delle mediocrita' dall'estero.

Sarebbe interessante seguire la carriera futura di questi giovanissimi australiani e, per esempio, degli argentini da loro sconfitti ed eliminati dal torneo (il fratello di Diego

vederle saranno i vincitori o i vinti a fare piu' carriera).

Nell'augurare successo per il resto del torneo ai "nostri" ragazzi in verdeoro, ci auguriamo soprattutto che essi riescano ad ottenere maggior riconoscimento e maggiori possibilita' di affermazione una volta ritornati a casa.

Mentre gli U/16 si coprono di gloria in Cina, la nazionale giovanile che in seguito ha fatto la finale del mondiale in Russia disputava l'ultima partita d'allenamento contro la statale del N.S.W. in anteprima all'incasso Australia-Stella Rossa domenica scorsa a Sydney.

Il risultato di 5-0 a favore della statale senior e' ovviamente troppo severo per i giovani Socceroos, ma bisogna tener presente che mentre i ragazzi di Jim Shoulder consideravano l'incontro come una seduta di allenamento dalla quale la cosa principale era uscire in buone condizioni fisiche per non giocare il viaggio in Russia all'ultimo momento (la partenza e' per domani, giovedì), gli statali del N.S.W. ovviamente ce l'hanno messa tutta per sfruttare questa rara occasione di dare all'occhio dell'allenatore nazionale Frank Arok.

Quindi il risultato di domenica non deve essere preso troppo sul serio nel giudicare le possibilita' del "Youth team" durante la sua trasferta mondiale. E bisogna ricordare anche che l'essersi qualificati fra gli ultimi sedici (per la terza volta consecutiva) e' un risultato di per se' eccezionale che non molte altre nazioni possono vantare.

E, dulcis in fundo, anche la nazionale maggiore ha fatto scalpore infliggendo un secco 4-1 alla Stella Rossa di Belgrado, confermando così che la squadra di Arok ha veramente le carte in regola per cominciare ad essere presa sul serio a livello internazionale.

Questo torneo, che conclude la preparazione della nazionale verdeoro prima del torneo di calcio per la Coppa del Mondo, non era cominciato sotto i migliori auspici a causa del rifiuto all'ultimo momento della squadra greca dell'AEK a partecipare dopo che gli olandesi e indonesiani avevano "marcato visita" un paio di settimane fa. Comunque, fra la confusione piu' completa, i responsabili del torneo sono riusciti a ristrutturare la competizione che vedra' l'Australia misurarsi con la Stella

ti. Gli altri due si giocheranno ad Adelaide (venerdì) prossimo e Melbourne (domenica prossima).

Dal punto di vista della preparazione dei Socceroos forse e' il caso di dire che non tutti i mali vengono per nuocere poiche' dover incontrare la stessa squadra quattro volte in due settimane e' sicuramente un banco di prova piu' attendibile di quello che in squadra ospite avra' cost' il tempo di "studiare" meglio l'enigma Australia e opporre una resistenza maggiore con il progredire del torneo.

La prima partita, giocata a Melbourne mercoledì della settimana scorsa, era finita con la vittoria della Stella Rossa per 2-0 ma aveva fatto capire agli esperti che le loro tournes austriane non sarebbe stata una passeggiata. Infatti dopo un primo tempo guardingo, i verdeoro si erano scatenati all'inizio della ripresa mettendo in seria difficoltà gli avversari e creando numerose azioni da rete. Purtroppo pero' la netta supremazia territoriale della squadra di casa non si tramutava in marcatura sia per le impossibili condizioni del terreno di gioco che rendevano precari i tocchi finali, sia per il fatto che al centro dell'attacco "australe" mancava Kosmina, uomo chiave messo fuori causa da infortunio, e il sostituto Rod Brown (del marconi) non si rivelava all'altezza della situazione nelle conclusioni e nell'entesa con Marshall. Soper migliori condizioni morali dopo essere rientrati in nazionale all'ultimo momento in seguito al suo rinvio, dovuto alla spiacevole vicenda creatasi dall'invasione di campo durante la partita di campionato Sydney Olympic-Sydney City.

A Sydney pero' e' stata tutta un'altra musica. Soper, ovviamente rinforciato, ha disputato un incontro maiuscolo ed ha trovato un'ottima spalla in Graham Arnold (capocannoniere del Sydney Croatia) che aveva fatto il suo esordio in nazionale a Melbourne rimpiangendo Rod Brown a 18 minuti dalla fine, quando ormai la Stella Rossa era passata in vantaggio per 2-0 dopo un veloce contropiede al 69' che aveva beffato la superiorita' "territoriale" edell'Australia.

Nell'incontro di Sydney, oltre alle prestazioni di Soper e di Arnold (che hanno messo a segno una rete ciascuno) e' stato determinante l'apporto di Crino, fautore della prima

rete) e a Melbourne era stato altrettanto in onera anche a causa di non perfette condizioni fisiche; ottimi anche Watson e il terzino volante Jennings. L'altra rete per l'Australia e' stata messa a segno da Odzakovic.

Il fatto che l'Australia sia andata a rete per prima (al primo minuto di gioco con Crino) e che abbia poi consentito la vittoria avversaria costretto la Stella Rossa a tirar fuori gli artigli ed impegnarsi al massimo o quasi. Gli ospiti accorciavano le distanze al 32' stando alla generale concezione, avrebbero dovuto ridimensionare gli avversari; invece l'Australia ha resistito coraggiosamente al forcing ed ha finito in bellezza con un trascinando e mettendo a segno altre due reti.

Dopo i fuochi pirotecnici di Sydney, il torneo dovrebbe diventare incandescente nelle partite di Adelaide e Melbourne e, forse, convincere finalmente anche gli scettici che la nazionale verdeoro e' poi la vittima predestinata nel prossimo torneo di qualificazione per i mondiali. Specialmente considerando che per l'occasione Arok potra' usare Davidson nella posizione di terzino destro (spostando così a centrocampo Odzakovic che come difensore e' sacrificato) e che sia Kosmina che Mitchell (ritornato in Australia dopo due stagioni con il Glasgow Rangers) saranno disponibili.

Per noi l'Australia dovrebbe vincere il gruppo Oceania e dare molto filo da torcere alla squadra europea che finira' seconda nel settimo gruppo (Scozia, Galles o Spagna), e non ci meraviglieremo se i garibaldini semiprofessionisti "australi" riusciranno a guadagnarsi il passaporto per il Messico il prossimo anno a spese dei professionisti europei.

Quindi suggeriamo ai nostri lettori di non perdersi le ultime due partite della nazionale australiana contro la Stella Rossa poiche' vedranno in azione una formazione che potrebbe essere fra le finaliste della Coppa del Mondo!

E con tutti questi successi, a tutti i livelli, in campo internazionale potrebbe anche accadere che il calcio australiano riuscisse finalmente ad infilare la strada del successo a livello nazionale scrollandosi di dosso l'apatia del pubblico e la palla al piede di certi amministratori pasticciati che non sanno vedere piu' in la' del loro orologio naso!

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